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2. Regulations presented, *re staking out locations*, 53. (*Sessional Papers No. 56.*) Printed.
3. Return ordered, shewing lands held under mining lease, etc., by Canada Copper and other Companies and persons, 151. (*Not brought down.*)
4. Report presented, 195 (*Sessional Papers No. 5.*) Printed.

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2. Bill (No. 223), introduced to amend, 124. *Not proceeded with.*

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2. Bill (No. 103), introduced to amend, 32. Second reading and referred to the Municipal Committee, 52. Reported 166. Mr. Burt.
3. Bill (No. 104), introduced to amend, 34. Second reading and referred to the Municipal Committee, 62. Reported, 166. Mr. Joynt.
4. Bill (No. 109), introduced to amend, 36. Second reading and referred to the Municipal Committee, 52. Reported, 166. Mr. Eilber.
5. Bill (No 111), introduced to amend, 39. Second reading and referred to the Municipal Committee, 62. Reported, 166. Mr. Matheson.
6. Bill (No. 116), introduced to amend, 46. Second reading and referred to the Municipal Committee, 86. Reported, 166. Mr. Barr.
7. Bill (No. 125), introduced to amend, 54. Second reading negatived, 98. Mr. Jessop.
8. Bill (No. 126), introduced to amend, 54. Second reading negatived 107. Mr. Brower.

9. Bill (No. 128), introduced to amend, 54. Second reading and referred to the Municipal Committee, 88. Reported, 166. Mr. *Pattullo*.
- 10 Bill No. 130), introduced to amend, 54. Second reading and referred to the Municipal Committee, 88. Reported, 166. Mr. *Pardee*.
11. Bill (No. 131), introduced to amend, 55. Order for second reading discharged, 89. Mr. *Mutrie*.
12. Bill (No. 139), introduced to amend, 65. Second reading and referred to the Municipal Committee, 98. Reported, 166. Mr. *Graham*.
13. Bill (No. 140), introduced to amend, 65. Second reading and referred to the Municipal Committee, 98. Reported, 166. Mr. *Malcolm*.
14. Bill (No. 148), introduced to amend, 67. Second reading and referred to the Municipal Committee, 88. Reported, 166, Mr. *Foy*.
15. Bill (No. 150), introduced to amend, 69. Second reading and referred to the Municipal Committee, 89. Reported, 166. Mr. *Pardee*.
16. Bill (No. 152), introduced to amend, 69. Order for second reading discharged, 117. Mr. *Brown*.
17. Bill (No. 156), introduced to amend, 79. Second reading and referred to the Municipal Committee, 89. Reported, 166. Mr. *Mutrie*.
18. Bill (No. 166), introduced to amend, 80. Second reading and referred to the Municipal Committee, 89. Reported, 166. Mr. *Dickenson*
19. Bill (No. 183), introduced to amend, 95. Order for second reading discharged, 128. Mr. *Farwell*.
20. Bill (No. 188), introduced to amend, 100. Second reading and referred to the Municipal Committee, 188. Reported, 166. Mr. *Holmes*.
21. Bill (No. 194), introduced to amend, 100. Second reading and referred to the Municipal Committee, 128. Reported, 166. Mr. *Lucas*.
22. Bill (No. 196), introduced to amend, 103. Second reading and referred to the Municipal Committee, 108. Reported, 166. Mr. *Carscallen*.
23. Bill (No. 198), introduced to amend, 103. Second reading and referred to the Municipal Committee, 125. Reported, 166. Mr. *Carscallen*.
24. Bill (No. 215), introduced to amend, 121. Order for second reading discharged, 187. Mr. *Richardson*.
25. Bill (No. 217), introduced to amend, 121. Second reading and referred to the Municipal Committee, 150. Reported, 166. Mr. *Mutrie*.
26. Bill (No. 222), introduced to amend, 124. Order for second reading discharged, 188. Reported, 166. *Not read in House*. Mr. *Hill*.
27. Bill (No. 224), introduced to amend, 124. Second reading and referred to the Municipal Committee, 150. Reported, 166. Mr. *Leys*.
28. Bill (No. 229), introduced to amend, 127. Order for second reading discharged, 162. Mr. *Lumsden*.

29. Bill (No. 230), introduced to amend, 127. Order for second reading discharged, 162. *Mr. Lumsden.*
30. Bill (No. 235), introduced to amend, 129. Second reading, 154. House goes into Committee on, 161. Reported by Municipal Committee, 166. Order for third reading discharged, 196. *Mr. Harcourt.*
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Bill (No. 157), introduced to permit to use the Imperial Automatic Voting Machine, 79. Second reading and referred to the Municipal Committee, 104. Reported, 152. House goes into Committee on, 186. Third reading, 191. R.A., 232. (63 V. c. 37.)

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NICKEL BELT RAILWAY CO'Y :

Petition for Act of incorporation, 33. Reported, 57. Bill (No. 69), introduced and referred, 61. Reported, 103. Second reading, 106. House goes into Committee on, 127. Third reading, 149. R. A., 232. (63 V. c. 117.)

NICKEL COPPER CO'Y :

Petition for Act respecting, 30. Reported, 73. Bill (No. 60), introduced and referred, 77. Reported, 141. Second reading, 160. House goes into Committee on, 167. Third reading, 188. R. A., 232. (63 V. c. 132.)

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2. Return ordered, of instructions to inspector, *re* application for hotel license in, 79. Presented, 84. (*Sessional Papers No. 60.*) Not printed.

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Bill (No. 90), introduced for the prevention and destruction of, 46. Second reading, 81. House goes into Committee on, 90, 109. Third reading, 191. R. A., 232. (63 V. c. 47.)

ONTARIO, BELMONT AND NORTHERN RAILWAY :

Petition for Act respecting, 35. Reported, 58. Bill (No. 75), introduced and referred, 61. Reported, 177. Second reading, 192. House goes into Committee on ; third reading, 210. R. A., 232. (63 V. c. 118.)

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1. Bill (No. 143), introduced to amend, 66. Order for second reading discharged, 187.
2. Bill (No. 226), introduced to amend, 124. Second reading, 138. House goes into Committee on, 145, 159. Third reading, 159. R. A., 232. (63 V. c. 23.) See *Extra Provincial Coy's.*

ONTARIO FACTORIES ACT :

1. Bill (No. 171), introduced to amend, 85. Order for second reading discharged, 104.
2. Bill (No. 227), introduced to amend, 127. Order for second reading discharged, 163.
3. Return ordered, shewing number of hours female *employés* work in, &c., 66. Presented, 141. (*Sessional Papers No. 77.*) Not printed.
4. Report presented, 126. (*Sessional Papers No. 8.*) Printed.

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1. Bill (No. 172), introduced to amend, 85. Order for second reading discharged, 104.
2. Bill (No. 225), introduced to amend, 124. Second reading and referred to the Municipal Committee, 138.
3. Bill (No. 255), introduced to amend, 158. Second reading, 183. House goes into Committee on, 186. Third reading, 191. R. A., 232. (63 V. c. 43.)

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OSHAWA, TOWN OF :

Petition for Act respecting, 22. Reported, 37. Bill (No. 20), introduced and referred, 39. Reported, 85. Second reading, 97. House goes into Committee on, 105. Third reading, 129. R. A., 232. (63 V. c. 79.)

OTTAWA, CITY OF :

1. Petition for Act respecting, 35. Reported, 73. Bill (No. 72), introduced and referred, 78. Reported, 94. Second reading, 106. House goes into Committee on, 138. Third reading, 146. R. A., 232. (63 V. c. 80.)
2. Petition for Act respecting By-laws Nos. 1458, 1628, 1707 and 1793 of the, 35. Reported, 57. Bill (No. 57), introduced and referred, 60. Reported, 94. Second reading, 106. House goes into Committee on, 116. Third reading, 146. R. A., 232. (63 V. c. 82.)
3. Petition for Act respecting By-laws Nos. 1797, 1920 and 1974, of the, 36. Reported, 73. Bill (No. 73), introduced and referred, 78. Reported, 93. Second reading, 105. House goes into Committee on, 116. Third reading, 130. R. A., 232. (63 V. c. 83.)

4. Resolution that \$25,000, be appropriated towards relief of sufferers by Fire at; Lieutenant Governor's recommendation signified; passed through Committee and referred to Bill, 213. Bill (No. 265), introduced and read first second and third times, 213. R. A., 232. (63 V. c. 7.)
5. Bill (No 266), introduced to authorize the issue of debentures in aid of sufferers by Fire at, 227. Second reading, 227. House goes into Committee on; third reading, 228. R. A., 232. (63 V. c. 81.)

OTTAWA AND DUNDAS ELECTRIC RAILWAY:

Petition for Act of incorporation, 35. Reported, 73 Bill (No. 47), introduced and referred, 78. Reported, 113. Second reading, 125. House goes into Committee on, 159. Third reading, 164. R. A., 232. (63 V. c. 119)

OTTAWA, ST. GEORGES CHURCH:

Petition for Act respecting, 22. Reported, 38. Bill (No. 17), introduced and referred, 39. Reported; fees remitted, 63. Second reading, 68. House goes into Committee on, 87. Third reading, 109. R. A., 232. (63 V. c. 138.)

OTTAWA YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION:

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Petition for Act to authorize the sale of certain land by the Public School Board of, 22. Reported, 37. Bill (No. 21), introduced and referred, 39. Reported, 94. Second reading, 105. House goes into Committee on, 116. Third reading, 198. R. A., 232. (63 V. c. 84.)

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2. Bill (No. 206), introduced to re-unite the North and South Ridings of, for the purpose of registration of Titles, 108. Second reading and referred to Committee of the Whole, 160. House goes into Committee on, and Committee rise without reporting, 187.

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Bill (No. 92), introduced to amend, 46. Second reading, 81, House goes into Committee on, 90. Third reading, 191. R. A., 232. (63 V. c. 21.)

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2. Petition for Act to confirm By-law No. 1254 of the, 23. Reported, 73. Bill (No. 14), introduced and referred, 78. Reported, 120. Second reading, 125. House goes into Committee on, 138. Third reading, 146. R. A., 232. (63 V. c. 93.)

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2. Bill (No. 176), introduced respecting mortgages by, and Electric Railway Companies, 85. Second reading, 110. House goes into Committee on, 144, 178. Third reading, 198. R. A., 232. (63 V. c. 32.)
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2. Return ordered, of correspondence in relation to trespass in Aberdeen, 86. (*Not brought down.*)
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2. Petition for Act respecting, 40. Reported, 57. Bill (No. 19), introduced and referred, 69. Reported, 152. Second reading, 160. House goes into Committee on, 198, 211. Third reading, 211. R. A., 232. (63 Vic. c. 101.)
3. Petition for Act respecting certain matters pertaining to, 40. Reported, 74. Bill (No. 78), introduced and referred, 78. Reported, title amended, 155. Second reading, 166. House goes into Committee on, 198, 212. Amendment proposed and carried on division re Toronto Railway, 212. Third Reading, 212. R. A., 232. (63 Vic. c. 102.)
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1. Bill (No. 114), introduced respecting, 41. Order for second reading discharged, 162.
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Bill (No. 135), introduced to amend, 61. Second reading and referred to the Legal Committee, 107. Reported, 184. House goes into Committee on, 187. Third reading, 191. R. A., 232. (53 V. c. 2.)

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

OF THE

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Wednesday, 14th February, 1900.

PROCLAMATION.

Canada,
Province of
Ontario. }

OLIVER MOWAT.

[LS.]

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland,
QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To Our Faithful, the Members elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of our
Province of Ontario and to every of you—GREETING:

JOHN MORISON GIBSON } WHEREAS it is expedient for certain causes and considerations
Attorney-General. } to convene the Legislative Assembly of Our said Province
WE DO WILL that you and each of you, and all others in this behalf interested, on
WEDNESDAY, the FOURTEENTH day of the Month of February now next, at OUR
CITY OF TORONTO, personally be and appear for the DESPATCH OF BUSINESS,
to treat, act, do and conclude upon those things which, in Our Legislature of the Pro-
vince of Ontario by the Common Council of Our said Province, may by the favour of God
be ordained. HEREIN FAIL NOT.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and
the Great Seal of Our Province of Ontario to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS,
The Honourable Sir OLIVER MOWAT, Knight, Grand Cross of Our
Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Member of Our
Privy Council for Canada and LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR of Our Pro-
vince of Ontario, at Our Government House, in the City of Toronto, in
our said Province, this THIRTY-FIRST day of JANUARY, in the year of
Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred, and in the Sixty-third year of Our
Reign.

By Command,

CHARLES CLARKE,
Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

Wednesday, the fourteenth day of February, 1900, being the First day of the Third Session of the Ninth Legislature of the Province of Ontario, for the Despatch of Business, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Honour the Honourable Sir OLIVER MOWAT, G.C.M.G., Lieutenant-Governor of the Province.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker informed the House, That he had received notification of vacancies which had occurred since the last Session of the House, and had issued his Warrants to the Clerk for new Writs for Election of a Member to serve in the present Legislature for the following Electoral Districts :—

The South Riding of Brant.

The South Riding of Renfrew.

The West Riding of Peterborough and

The East Riding of Middlesex.

TO THE HONOURABLE FRANCIS EUGENE ALFRED EVANTUREL,

Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

We, the undersigned George William Ross, Member of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, for the Electoral Division of the West Riding of the County of Middlesex, Esquire, and Richard Harcourt, Member for the Electoral Division of Monck, Esquire, hereby notify you that a vacancy has occurred in the representation in the said Assembly for the Electoral Division of the South Riding of the County of Brant through the acceptance of an office *to wit*, the office of Surrogate Clerk, and Clerk of Process—by the Honourable Arthur Sturgis Hardy, heretofore the Member for said Electoral Division ; and we the said George William Ross, and Richard Harcourt, Members of the Assembly as aforesaid, hereby require you to issue a writ for the election of a Member to fill such vacancy.

In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this twentieth day of October, A. D. 1899.

Signed and sealed in the presence of
 CHARLES CHASE,
 L. V. PERCIVAL.

GEO. W. ROSS.
 RICHARD HARCOURT.

[LS.]
 [LS.]

TO ALFRED EVANTUREL, ESQ.,

Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario.

Sir,—

I, Robert Adam Campbell, Member for the Electoral District of South Renfrew, hereby declare that it is my intention to resign, and I do hereby resign my seat in the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario for the said Electoral District.

Given under my hand and seal at Ottawa, this Twenty-Third day of October, A. D., 1899.

Signed and Sealed in the Presence of
 E. J. Daly,
 J. F. Hanrahan.

R. A. CAMPBELL.

[LS.]

TO THE HONOURABLE FRANCIS EUGENE ALFRED EVANTUREL,
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

I, James R. Stratton, hereby declare that it is my intention to resign, and I do hereby resign my seat in the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, as a Member for the Electoral Division of the West Riding of Peterborough.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Twentieth day of October, A.D. 1899.

Signed and sealed in the presence of

R. HAROURT,
JNO. DRYDEN.

J. R. STRATTON.

[LS.]

TO THE HONOURABLE FRANCIS EUGENE ALFRED EVANTUREL,
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

We, the undersigned Richard Harcourt, Member of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario for the Electoral Division of Monck, Esquire, and John Dryden, Member of the said Legislative Assembly for the Electoral Division of the South Riding of the County of Ontario, Esquire, hereby notify you that a vacancy has occurred in the representation in the said Assembly for the Electoral Division of the East Riding of the County of Middlesex, by reason of the death of Thomas D. Hodgins, heretofore the Member for said Electoral Division; and we the said Richard Harcourt and John Dryden, Members of the Assembly aforesaid, hereby require you to issue a new writ for the election of a Member of said Assembly to fill such vacancy.

In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals, this Ninth day of January, A.D. 1900.

Signed and sealed in the presence of:

C. H. CHASE.
L. V. PERCIVAL.

JOHN DRYDEN,
RICHARD HAROURT.

[LS.]
[LS.]

Mr. Speaker also informed the House, that the Clerk had laid upon the Table, the following Certificates:—

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that in virtue of a Writ of Election, dated the twenty-fifth day of October, 1899, issued by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and addressed to James Altro Hall, Esquire, Returning Officer for the Electoral District of the West Riding of the County of Peterborough, for the election of a Member to represent the said Electoral District of the West Riding of the County of Peterborough in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, in the room of James Robert Stratton, who, since his election as representative of the said West Riding of the County of Peterborough, has accepted an office of profit under the Crown, *to wit*: The office of

Secretary and Registrar of the Province of Ontario, by reason whereof the seat of the said James Robert Stratton has become vacant, the Honourable James Robert Stratton has been returned as duly elected accordingly, as appears by the Return to the said Writ of Election, dated the seventh day of November, 1899, which is now lodged of record in my office.

CHARLES CLARKE,

Clerk L. A.

Toronto, February 14th, 1900.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that in virtue of a Writ of Election dated the twenty-fifth day of October, 1899, issued by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and addressed to William Moffatt, Esquire, Returning Officer for the Electoral District of the South Riding of the County of Renfrew, for the election of a Member to represent the said Electoral District of the South Riding of the County of Renfrew in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, in the room of Robert A. Campbell, Esquire, who had resigned, the Honourable Francis Robert Latchford has been returned as duly elected accordingly, as appears by the Return to the said Writ of Election, dated the twenty-second day of November, 1899, which is now lodged of record in my office.

CHARLES CLARKE,

Clerk L. A.

Toronto, February 14th, 1900.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that in virtue of a Writ of Election, dated the twenty-first day of November, 1899, issued by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and addressed to William Watt, Returning Officer for the Electoral District of the South Riding of the County of Brant, for the election of a Member to represent the said Electoral District of the South Riding of the County of Brant in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, in the room of the Honourable Arthur S. Hardy, who had accepted an office of emolument under the Crown, by reason whereof the seat of the said Arthur S. Hardy had been vacated, Thomas H. Preston, Esquire, has been returned as duly elected accordingly as appears by the Return to the said Writ of Election, dated the fourteenth day of December, 1899, which is now lodged of record in my office.

CHARLES CLARKE,

Clerk L. A.

Toronto, February 14th, 1900.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that in virtue of a Writ of Election, dated the eleventh day of January, 1900, issued by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and addressed to Robert W. Jackson, Esquire, Returning Officer for the Electoral District of East Riding of the County of Middlesex, for the election of a member to represent the said Electoral District of East Riding of the County of Middlesex in the Legislative Assembly of this

Province, in the room of Thomas D. Hodgens, Esquire, who had died, Thomas E. Robson, Esquire, has been returned as duly elected accordingly, as appears by the Return to the said Writ of Election, dated the thirteenth day of February, 1900, which is now lodged of record in my office.

CHARLES CLARKE,
Clerk L. A.

Toronto, February 14th, 1900.

Mr. Speaker also informed the House, That he had received from the Judges selected for the trial of Election Petitions pursuant to the Controverted Elections Act of Ontario, Certificates and Reports relating to Elections for the Electoral Districts of :—

The South Riding of Ontario.
The Electoral District of Halton.
The North Riding of Hastings.
The South Riding of Perth.
The West Riding of Elgin, and
The East Riding of Elgin.

The several Certificates and Reports were then read by the Clerk at the table as follow :—

IN THE COURT OF APPEAL FOR ONTARIO.

THE ONTARIO CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS' ACT.

Election for the Electoral District of the South Riding of the County of Ontario holden on the twenty-fifth day of October, and the first day of November, A.D. 1899.

Between

James Forbas Fegan
Petitioner,

and

The Honourable John Dryden

Respondent.

The undersigned, two of the Justices on the Rota for the trial of Election Petitions under the said Act, do hereby certify as follows :

1. That on Thursday, the twenty-fifth, and Friday, the twenty-sixth days of May, A.D. 1899, at the town of Whitby, in the County of Ontario, we duly held a Court for the trial of and did try the Petition in respect of the above election, at which election the said John Dryden had been returned as duly elected.

2. That at the said trial we determined that the above named the Honourable John Dryden was not duly elected and returned at the said election, and that the said election was and is void by reason of corrupt practices, *to wit*, bribery committed by agents of the respondent, and we gave judgment for the above named petitioner avoiding the said election with costs.

And we do hereby further certify and report as follows :

(a) That no corrupt practices have been proved before us to have been committed by or with the knowledge and consent of either of the candidates at the said election, that is to say, the said respondent and one Charles Calder.

(b) That the following persons were proved at the said trial to have been guilty of corrupt practices, that is to say, of bribery :—

Simon Hewitt, otherwise called Sim. Hewitt ; said to be of the City of Brantford.

John Sullivan, otherwise called Captain or "Cap" Sullivan ; said to be of the town of Sault Ste. Marie.

William Morrish.

William Gilmour.

Patrick Sullivan.

William Steward.

Bryan Linton.

William McCormack.

Benjamin Palmer.

(c) That corrupt practices did extensively prevail at the said election.

(d) In addition to express evidence of agency, the above named Simon Hewitt (otherwise called Sim. Hewitt), John Sullivan (otherwise called Captain or "Cap." Sullivan), and William Morrish were expressly admitted by counsel to have been agents of the respondent, and further inquiry into the corrupt practices alleged to have been committed by them was prevented by the course taken at the trial of resting the case after evidence had been given which we were obliged to hold was sufficient for the purpose of avoiding the said election.

Witness our hands this twentieth day of June, A. D., 1899.

F. OSLER, J.

JOHN E. ROSE, J.

To the Honourable, the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, of Ontario.

IN THE COURT OF APPEAL FOR ONTARIO.

THE ONTARIO CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS ACT.

Election for the Electoral District of the County of Halton held on the first day of December, 1899, and the eighth day of December, 1899.

Between

Thomas Whaites,

Petitioner,

and

John Roaf Barber,

Respondent.

The undersigned two of the Justices on the Rota for the trial of Election Petitions under the said Act do hereby certify as follows :

1. That on Monday, the nineteenth day of June, 1899, at the Court House in the Town of Milton in the said County of Halton we held a Court for the trial of and did try the Petition in respect of the above mentioned Election.

2. That on the trial of the said Petition no corrupt practices were proven to have been committed at the said Election by the above named, John Roaf Barber, the mem-

ber whose election or return was complained of or by any agent or agents on his behalf, and it appearing that no particulars had been delivered by the said Petitioner to the said Respondent, we dismissed the said petition, and Counsel for the Respondent stating that he was not instructed to apply for costs, we made no order for costs.

3. We further certify (a) That no corrupt practices were proven before us to have been committed by or with the knowledge or consent of either of the candidates at the said election, that is to say, the said John Roaf Barber and William Kerns the other candidate at the said election.

(b) That no person was proven at the trial to have been guilty of any corrupt practice.

(c) That no evidence being offered, we are unable to say whether there is or is not reason to believe that corrupt practices extensively prevailed at the said election.

Witness our hands this fourth day of July, A.D., 1899.

F. OSLER, J.

W. G. FALCONBRIDGE, J.

To the Honourable, the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario.

IN THE COURT OF APPEAL FOR ONTARIO.

THE ONTARIO CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS ACT.

Election of a member of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario for the Electoral District of North Hastings, holden on the twentieth and twenty-seventh days of December, 1899.

Between

Edward D. McPherson,
Petitioner,

and

William John Allen,
Respondent.

And in the matter of the Cross Petition in relation to the same election.

Between

William John Allen,
Petitioner,

and

Byron O. Low,
Respondent.

The undersigned two of the Judges on the Rota for the trial of Election Petitions the said Act, do hereby certify:—

1. That on the twenty-seventh day of June, 1899, at the City of Belleville, in the County of Hastings, we held a Court for the trial of and there tried the Petition and Cross Petition between the above named parties respecting the said election.

2. No evidence was offered in support either of the Petition or of the Cross Petition. The parties were represented by Counsel who stated that they were instructed that no

evidence of corrupt practices could be obtained in support of the Petition or of the Cross Petition sufficient to void the said election.

3. We further certify that (no evidence whatever having been offered by either party) no corrupt practices were proved before us to have been committed by or with the knowledge or consent of either of the candidates at the said election.

4. We are unable to say whether there is or is not reason to believe that corrupt practices have extensively prevailed at the said election.

5. Lastly, we certify that it appeared from the statements of the counsel for the parties, that they had arranged and agreed between them that the Petition and Cross Petition should be dismissed without costs.

6. We dismissed the said Petition and Cross Petition because no evidence was offered in support thereof, and made no order as to costs because neither party asked for costs.

Witness our hands this seventh day of July, 1899.

JOHN E. ROSE, J.

W. G. FALCONBRIDGE, J.

To the Honourable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario.

IN THE COURT OF APPEAL.

THE ONTARIO CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS ACT.

Election of a member for the Electoral District of the South Riding of the County of Perth holden on the twenty-first and twenty-eighth days of February, 1899.

Between

Lindsay Ellah,
Petitioner,
and .

Nelson Monteith,
Respondent.

The undersigned, two of the Judges on the Rota for the trial of Election Petitions under the said Act, assigned to try the said Petition, do hereby certify:—

1. That on the twenty-ninth and thirtieth days of June, 1899, at the Town of Stratford, in the County of Perth, we held a Court for the trial of and there tried the said Election Petition between the above named parties respecting the said Election, and that judgment was delivered at the City of Toronto on the seventh day of July, instant.

2. We further certify that on the said trial we found and determined that the said Nelson Monteith, the member whose Election and return was complained of by the said Petition, was duly elected and returned as such member, and we hereby declare that the said Nelson Monteith was duly elected at the said Election member for the said Electoral District.

3. We further certify that no corrupt practices were proven before us to have been committed by or with the knowledge or consent of either of the said candidates at the said election.

4. We further certify that corrupt practices were not proven to have extensively prevailed and that there is no reason to believe that corrupt practices have extensively prevailed at the said election, and we therefore dismissed the said Petition with costs.

5. Lastly, we certify that John O'Brien was proven at the said trial to have been guilty of corrupt practices.

Dated at Toronto this seventeenth day of July, A.D. 1899.

W. P. R. STREET, J.
R. M. MEREDITH, J.

To the Honourable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario.

IN THE COURT OF APPEAL FOR ONTARIO.

THE ONTARIO CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS ACT.

Election for the Electoral District of the West Riding of the County of Elgin holden on the Fifth and Twelfth days of January, A.D. 1899.

Between

James G. Nunn,
Petitioner,
and

Donald Macnish and Dugald Brown,
Respondents.

The undersigned two of the Justices on the Rota for the trial of Election Petitions under the above Act do hereby certify :

That on Monday the twenty-sixth day of June, A.D., 1899, at the City of St. Thomas, in the County of Elgin, we held a court for the trial of and there tried the Election Petition between the said parties relating to the said Election.

The candidates at the said Election were the respondent, Donald Macnish, and Finlay Macdiarmid and the said Donald Macnish was returned as having been duly elected thereat.

The respondent Dugald Brown was the Returning Officer at the said election and his conduct thereat as such Returning Officer is complained of in the said Petition.

At the said trial we determined that the said Donald Macnish, the person whose Election and return is complained of by the Petition, was not, nor was any other person, duly returned or elected and that the said Election was void.

And we report

1. That no corrupt practices were proven to have been committed by or with the knowledge or consent of either of the candidates at the said election.
2. That corrupt practices have extensively prevailed at the said election.
3. The particulars delivered herein contain upwards of two hundred and fifty charge of corrupt, irregular and fraudulent practices of various kinds.

4. It was proven that a person was brought to the respondent, the Returning Officer, by one Dr. R. J. Donahue and introduced to him as being one Albert Edward Montgomery of St. Thomas. At the same time a written recommendation addressed to the Returning Officer signed by the respondent Macnish to appoint "the bearer" Deputy Returning Officer for polling sub-division No. 11 of the City of St. Thomas in the said electoral division was handed to the Returning Officer and the said Donahue requested that the person so introduced by him might be appointed Deputy Returning Officer for the said polling sub-division. A person named Albert Edward Montgomery was on the voters' list of the said City of St. Thomas. He was not personally known to the said Returning Officer but the said Returning Officer signed an instrument appointing him as such Deputy Returning Officer for the said polling sub-division and delivered the said appointment to the person so introduced by the said Donahue. This person was not Albert Edward Montgomery and the said Albert Edward Montgomery did not act as Deputy Returning Officer at the said polling subdivision, but one Martin J. Cahill, or some person other than the said Albert Edward Montgomery, acted thereat as such without authority, personating and representing himself to be the said Albert Edward Montgomery. Whether the said Cahill was the person who had fraudulently procured the said appointment or some other person did not appear.

5. It was further proved that a person was brought to the said Returning Officer by one Hall and introduced by him as being one Christopher Stratford of St. Thomas, by occupation a railway engineer, for the purpose of being appointed Deputy Returning Officer for polling sub-division No. 4 of the said City of St. Thomas. At the same time was produced a written recommendation addressed to the Returning Officer signed by the respondent Macnish, to appoint "the bearer" Deputy Returning Officer for the said polling sub-division No. 4. A person named Christopher Stratford, a railway engineer, was on the voters' list of St. Thomas. He was not personally known to the said Returning Officer, but the Returning Officer signed an instrument appointing him Deputy Returning Officer for the said polling sub-division No. 4 and delivered the said appointment to the person so introduced by the said Hall. This person was not the said Christopher Stratford and the said Christopher Stratford did not act as Deputy Returning Officer at the said polling sub-division but the said person, or some other person, without authority, acted as Deputy Returning Officer thereat, personating and representing himself to be the said Christopher Stratford.

6. The fees which would have been payable to the said Albert Edward Montgomery and Christopher Stratford, had they acted as Deputy Returning Officers at the said polling sub-divisions were paid by the said Returning Officer to one McIntyre on orders purporting to be signed by the persons appointed as Deputy Returning Officers.

7. It is further proved that a person unknown to the Returning Officer but who represented himself as being one Marshall W. Johnson and who also produced a written recommendation addressed to the Returning Officer, signed by the respondent to appoint "the bearer" Deputy-Returning Officer for polling sub-division No. 6 of the township of Southwold in the said electoral division applied to the said Returning Officer to be appointed Deputy Returning Officer for the said polling sub-division. The Returning Officer had intended to appoint one King and declined to appoint the said person until he had seen King. King subsequently came to the Returning Officer and told him he

would not act and wished him to appoint some one outside the said sub-division telling him also that Marshall W. Johnson was a resident of St. Thomas. The Returning Officer thereupon signed an instrument appointing Marshall W. Johnson as such Deputy Returning Officer and delivered such appointment to the person who had produced the said recommendation. This person was not Marshall W. Johnson and the said Marshall W. Johnston did not act as such Deputy Returning Officer at the said polling sub-division, but the said person, or some person other than the said Marshall W. Johnson, acted thereat without authority, personating and representing himself to be the said Marshall W. Johnson.

8. The fees which are properly payable to the said Marshall W. Johnson if he had acted as Deputy Returning Officer were paid by the said Returning Officer to the said King upon an order which purported to be signed by the said Johnson.

9. It was further proved that although one Robert N. Stratford or Stafford, a person well known to the Returning Officer, had been duly appointed by him as Deputy Returning Officer for Polling Subdivision No. 4 in the said Township of Southwold, the said Robert N. Stratford or Stafford did not act thereat as such Deputy Returning Officer, but one Duncan Bole without authority assumed to act and acted thereat as such. The fees payable for the services of the Deputy Returning Officer were made payable and paid by the Returning Officer to one McIntyre.

10. It was further proved that a person was introduced by McIntyre to the Respondent Brown as being one Edward Groden of the City of St. Thomas for the purpose of being appointed Deputy Returning Officer for Polling Subdivision No. 7 of the said City. The said Respondent Brown as Returning Officer signed an instrument appointing a person so named and described on the said McIntyre's request and introduction, but it afterwards appeared that there was no such person known in St. Thomas. The fees of the person who acted as Deputy Returning Officer at the said Poll were paid by the Returning Officer to the said McIntyre.

11. It was further proved that one Dr. R. J. Donahue was duly appointed by the said respondent the Returning Officer as the Deputy Returning Officer for Polling Subdivision No. 8 of the said City of St. Thomas. The said Donahue did not act, but a person not identified and not known in St. Thomas acted as Deputy Returning Officer at the said Polling Subdivision under the name of John Gilroy or Kilkenny, without authority, and the fees of the Deputy Returning Officer were paid to the said Donahue.

12. It was further proved that the number of votes cast at the Polling Subdivisions at which the above mentioned frauds and irregularities occurred was very largely in excess of the majority by which the said respondent Macnish was returned as elected.

13. Other irregularities which it is unnecessary to specify in detail occurred at the Polling Subdivisions in connection with the return to the Returning Officer of the ballots and other papers by the Deputy Returning Officers or the persons who personated them.

14. The respondent Macnish stated in his evidence at the trial that he believed that the recommendations above mentioned had been presented to him for signature among a number of printed forms of appointment of scrutineers, that he had been told by one John McIntyre, whom he described as "the secretary of the Club at St. Thomas," that he said McIntyre would require to write out a number of such appointments, as

there were not enough printed forms, and the said respondent stated he signed the papers presented to him believing them to be appointments as Scrutineers of the persons who presented them.

15. Counsel for the respondent Macnish admitted at the trial that many persons had been bribed by agents of the respondent, and that other corrupt practices had been committed at the said election by such agents sufficient in number to avoid the said election, but the names of the bribers and of the persons who had committed other corrupt practices were not disclosed, that part of the case not having been gone into, and we are therefore unable to report such persons.

16. We avoided the said election on the ground that it appeared to us that the same had not been conducted in accordance with the principles laid down in the Ontario Election Act and that the failure to do so had affected the result of the election.

17. We ordered that the costs of the Petitioners should be paid by both of the said Respondents.

Dated this Fifteenth day of August, 1899.

F. OSLER, J.

R. M. MEREDITH, J.

To the Honourable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario.

IN THE COURT OF APPEAL FOR ONTARIO.

THE ONTARIO CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS ACT.

Election of a Member of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario for the Electoral District of the East Riding of the County of Elgin, holden on the 22nd of February and the 1st day of March, 1898.

Present :

The Hon. Sir George W. Burton, Knight, Chief Justice of Ontario.

The Hon. Sir John Alexander Boyd, Knight, Chancellor of Ontario.

The Hon. Mr. Justice MacLennan.

The Hon. Mr. Justice Moss, and

The Hon. Mr. Justice Lister.

Between

Matthew Easton,

Petitioner,

and

C. A. Brower,

Respondent.

Tuesday, the 14th day of November, 1899.

I, James Strachan Cartwright, Registrar of the Court of Appeal for Ontario, do hereby certify, as follows :

- That the Honourable Mr. Justice Osler and the Honourable Mr. Justice MacMahon, on the 17th, day of January, 1899, certified to this Court that on the 28th, 29th, and the 30th days of November and the 1st day of December, 1898, at the City of St

Thomas in the County of Elgin, and also on the 27th day of December, 1898, at the City of Toronto, in the County of York respectively, they held a Court for the trial of and there tried the Election Petition between the above named parties respecting the said election.

2. That at the said trial they found and determined that the said C. A. Brower was duly elected and returned as Member for the said Electoral District of the East Riding of the County of Elgin, and therefore dismissed the said Petition with costs.

3. They further certified and reported that on the trial of the said Petition no corrupt practices were proven before them to have been committed at the said election by or with the knowledge or consent of either of the candidates at the said election.

4. They further certified and reported that in so far as the charges made in the said Election Petition and particulars were entered upon and proven at the said trial there was no reason to believe that corrupt practices extensively prevailed at the said Election.

5. They further certified and reported that the following persons were proven at the said trial to have been guilty of corrupt practices, that is to say :

(a) Charles Weisbrod of the offence of undue influence contrary to section 166 of the Ontario Election Act ;

(b) William Follock, William Follock, junior and William F. Luton of the offence of bribery contrary to section 159 of The Ontario Election Act ; and

(c) Alexander Taylor, William Albert Day and John Ferguson of providing money to be used by another in betting or wagering upon the result of the Election contrary to section 164 (2) of The Ontario Election Act.

6. And I further certify that an Appeal was taken to this Court on behalf of the above-named Petitioner Matthew Easton from the judgment of the said trial Judges on the grounds following :

(a) That the corrupt acts alleged in paragraphs numbers 26 and 27 of the particulars were found to have been committed by William F. Luton but that the said trial Judges erred in not finding that the said William F. Luton was the agent of the Respondent.

(b) That the corrupt acts alleged in paragraph number 39 of the particulars were found to have been committed but that the said trial Judges erred in not finding that Ferguson, Taylor and Day who committed them, were agents of the Respondent.

(c) That in respect of charges number 33 and 34 the evidence at the trial did not as determined by the trial Judges establish the agency of the persons charged ; but that the corrupt acts having been proven should have been considered in determining whether or not the Respondent was duly elected.

7. I further certify that the said Appeal came on for hearing before this Court on the 18th day of September, 1899, when the Court was pleased to direct that the same should stand over for judgment ; and the same having come on for judgment this day, it was ordered and adjudged that the determination of the said trial Judges should be reversed and set aside and the respondent declared not to have been duly elected on the ground that the evidence at the trial established that the said Alexander Taylor was an agent of the said respondent ; and that the said Election should be declared void. And it was

further ordered and adjudged that the said respondent, C. A. Brower, was not entitled to the benefit of section 172 of the said Ontario Controverted Elections Act, and that the said Appeal should be allowed with costs.

JAMES S. CARTWRIGHT.

Registrar Court of Appeal.

Ordered, That the foregoing Certificates and Reports be entered on the Journals of this House.

Mr. Speaker also informed the House, that he had issued his Warrants to the Clerk for new Writs for the election of a member to serve in the present Legislature for the following Electoral Districts :—

The North Riding of Waterloo.

The South Riding of Ontario.

The East Riding of Elgin, and

The West Riding of Elgin.

Mr. Speaker also informed the House, that the Clerk had laid upon the Table, the following Certificates :—

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that in virtue of a Writ of Election dated the fourth day of May, 1899, issued by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and addressed to John McDougall, Esquire, Returning Officer for the Electoral District of the North Riding of Waterloo, for the election of a Member to represent the said Electoral District of the North Riding of Waterloo in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, in the room of Henry George Lackner, whose election has been declared void, Louis Jacob Breithaupt has been returned as duly elected accordingly, as appears by the Return to the said Writ of Election, dated the twenty-seventh day of May, 1899, which is now lodged of record in my office.

CHARLES CLARKE,

Clerk, L. A.

Toronto, 14th February, 1900.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that in virtue of a Writ of Election dated the twenty-first day of November, 1899, issued by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and addressed to John J. Paxton, Esquire, Returning Officer for the Electoral District of the South Riding of Ontario, for the election of a Member to represent the said Electoral District of the South Riding of Ontario in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, in the room of Charles Calder, Esquire, whose election has been declared void, the Honourable John Dryden has been returned as duly elected accordingly, as appears by the Return to the said Writ of Election, dated the eighteenth day of December, 1899, which is now lodged of record in my office.

CHARLES CLARKE,

Clerk, L. A.

Toronto, 14th February, 1900.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that in virtue of a Writ of Election, dated the twenty-first day of November, 1899, issued by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and addressed to Dugald Brown, Esquire, Returning Officer for the Electoral District of the East Riding of the County of Elgin, for the election of a Member to represent the said Electoral District of the East Riding of the County of Elgin in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, in the room of Charles A. Brower, Esquire, whose election had been declared void Charles A. Brower, Esquire, has been returned as duly elected accordingly, as appears by the Return to the said Writ of Election, dated the twenty-third day of December, 1899, which is now lodged of record in my office.

CHARLES CLARKE,

Clerk L. A.

Toronto, 14th February, 1900.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that in virtue of a Writ of Election dated the twenty-first day of November, 1899, issued by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and addressed to James H. Coyne, Esquire, Returning Officer for the Electoral District of the West Riding of the County of Elgin for the election of a Member to represent the said Electoral District of the West Riding of the County of Elgin in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, in the room of Donald Macnish, Esquire, whose election had been declared void. Finlay George Macdiarmid, Esquire, has been returned as duly elected accordingly, as appears by the Return to the said Writ of Election, dated the twenty-sixth day of December, 1899, which is now lodged of record in my office.

CHARLES CLARKE,

Clerk L. A.

Toronto, February 14th, 1900.

The Honourable John Dryden, Member for the South Riding of Ontario; The Honourable James Robert Stratton, Member for the West Riding of Peterborough; The Honourable Francis Robert Latchford, Member for the South Riding of Renfrew; Thomas H. Preston, Esquire, Member for the South Riding of the County of Brant; Charles A. Brower, Esquire, Member for the East Riding of Elgin and Finlay G. Macdiarmid, Esquire, Member for the West Riding of Elgin, having taken the Oaths and signed the Roll took their seats.

The House was then adjourned during pleasure.

And after some time the House was resumed.

His Honour the Honourable Sir Oliver Mowat, G.C.M.G., Lieutenant-Governor, then entered the House, and being seated in the Chair on the Throne, was pleased to open the Session by the following gracious Speech to the House:—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:—

I take great pleasure in again meeting you as representatives of the Province in Parliament assembled.

Since the last meeting of the Legislature Great Britain has been under the necessity of resisting by force of arms the encroachment of the South African Republic upon the

territorial rights and the liberty of British subjects in the Transvaal. The issues involved, affecting as they did the integrity of the Empire, appealed very strongly to the loyalty of the Canadian people. As the representatives of the Province, I congratulate you on the enthusiasm manifested throughout the whole Province in the enrolment of her sons for Imperial service at the seat of war. No more striking proof could have been given of the loyalty and devotion of Canadians to their Sovereign and to the Empire to which we belong, and I am confident that any proposal of my Government for contributing towards the support of the wives and families of our soldiers now serving at the front, will receive favorable and generous consideration.

I am pleased to be able to inform you that the lumbering industry of the Province is in a flourishing condition. The legislation of 1898 requiring all pine logs cut under license to be manufactured in Canada took effect first in the season of 1898-99. The practical operation of the legislation has proven wise and timely. While the quantity of pine timber cut last season showed little, if any, diminution as compared with previous years; the saw milling business of the Province on the other hand has received a powerful stimulus. Many existing mills have been enlarged, idle ones have resumed work, and a number of new mills have been built and equipped to meet the demand for sawn lumber, and as a result substantial benefits have been reaped from the action of the Legislature.

In pursuance of the policy of encouraging the development of industries for which the circumstances of the Province are specially adapted, an Order-in-Council has been passed that pulpwood cut on Crown lands should be manufactured in Canada. A measure confirming this Order-in-Council will be laid before you.

The desirability of preserving the forests in districts not adapted for agriculture, so as to constitute a permanent source of timber supply has been fully recognized in connection with the administration of the Crown domain; accordingly districts capable of being reforested are being set apart as forest reserves.

The healthy condition of the mining industry is shown by the growth of revenue from sales and rents of mining lands, the increase of investments in mining enterprises, and a larger output from mines and mining works. It is the object and policy of my Government to utilize all the natural resources of our country so as to afford the largest scope for the profitable employment of capital and labor and thus furnish the markets of the world with finished articles instead of raw materials.

I am pleased to be able to state that the agricultural condition of the Province is much more favorable than it has been for many years. The great improvement in the quality of all dairy produce has increased the popularity of our butter and cheese in the British market and has consequently stimulated this branch of industry. Our fruit interests are also increasing in importance and value, as the exports of our orchards for the last year make manifest. The attendance at the Agricultural College has reached the highest limit yet attained since the establishment of the College; it will be necessary to provide additional accommodation if the attendance continues to increase as it has during the last few years.

It is to be noted with regret that the increasing numbers of insane tax the accommodation of our Asylums beyond their capacity. Notwithstanding the liberal provision already made and the large expenditure incurred in carrying on these services, it becomes

imperative that increased accommodation be provided for many urgent cases now requiring attention.

Measures will be submitted for the improvement of public highways, the drainage of swamp lands, the encouragement of cold storage stations in rural districts and the colonization of those portions of Northern Ontario best adapted for agricultural purposes. Your attention will be invited to Bills respecting the revenue, elections, education and mining, and also to a measure for a comprehensive exploration of the District lying between the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway and Hudson Bay, in order that more accurate information may be obtained as to its timber, its mineral resources and its suitability for farming purposes.

Your attention is invited to the present relative jurisdiction of the Courts of the Province and of their respective Judges, and to the suggestions of experience for further promoting the efficient, prompt and inexpensive administration of justice throughout the Province.

During the recess, I appointed a Royal Commission to report upon the financial position of the Province. The report will be laid before you early in the Session. A Commission was also appointed to enquire into irregularities reported by the Judges at the bye-election held in the West Riding of Elgin on the 12th January, 1899. The Commissioners have entered upon the duties assigned to them.

The public accounts and the reports of the several departments of the Provincial service will be submitted to you in due course.

The estimates for the current year, prepared with as great regard to economy as is consistent with efficient service, will at an early date be placed before you.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

Mr. Speaker reported, That, to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a copy of His Honour's Speech, which he read.

On motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Gibson, a Bill was introduced intituled "An Act to provide for the Administration of Oaths of Office to persons appointed as Justices of the Peace," and the same was read the first time.

On motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Gibson,

Ordered, That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, to this House be taken into consideration To-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Gibson,

Resolved, That Select Standing Committees of this House, for the present Session be appointed for the following purposes ;—1. On Privileges and Elections ; 2. On Railways ; 3. On Miscellaneous Private Bills ; 4. On Standing Orders ; 5. On Public Accounts ; 6. On Printing ; 7. On Municipal Law ; 8. On Legal Bills ; which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and inquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by the House, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions theron, with power to send for persons, papers and records.

Mr. Speaker presented to the House :—

Report of the Librarian on the state of the Library. (*Sessional Papers No. 45*)

The House then adjourned at 4 p.m.

Thursday, 15th February.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. Gibson, the Petition of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

By Mr. Reid (Addington), the Petition of the Township Council of Sheffield.

By Mr. German, the Petition of the Town Council of Dunnville ; also, the Petition of the Welland Hotel and Sanitarium Company, Limited.

By Mr. McKay, the Petition of R. J. Robertson and others of Ingersoll ; also, the Petition of the Town Council of Strathroy.

By Mr. Powell, the Petition of the Rector and Churchwardens of St. George's Church, Ottawa.

By Mr. Little, the Petition of the Village Council of Tottenham.

By Mr. Auld, the Petition of Joseph Arthur Tremblay of Tilbury ; also, the Petition of the Pelee Public School Board ; also, the Petition of John Rahny and others ; also, the Petition of Joseph Koifal and others ; also, the Petition of S. Mahoney and others ; also, of the Petition of F. C. Braun and others, all of Pelee.

By Mr. Hill, the Petition of the Davenport Methodist Church ; also, the Petition of the Village Council of Weston.

By Mr. McKee, the Petition of the City Council of Windsor.

By Mr. Eilber, the Petition of the Town Council of Wingham ; also, the Petition of Christian Zimmerman and others of Zurich.

By Mr. Connée, the Petition of the Town Council of Port Arthur ; also, the Petition of the Town Council of Fort William.

By Mr. Brower, the Petition of the Port Stanley Electric Street Railway Company, Limited.

By Mr. Brown, the Petition of the County Council of Perth.

By Mr. Gallagher, the Petition of the Township Council of Portland.

By Mr. Bowman, the Petition of the Town Council of Wiarton.

By Mr. Loughrin, the Petition of the Town Council of Sudbury.

By Mr. Duff, the Petition of the Town Council of Collingwood ; also, the Petition of the Village Council of Creemore.

By Mr. Jamieson, the Petition of the Town Council of Durham.

By Mr. Foy, the Petition of Remigius Elmsley of Toronto.

By Mr. Pardo, the Petition of W. H. Fisher of Chatham.

By Mr. Hislop, the Petition of the Town Council of Goderich ; also, the Petition of the Town Council of Clinton ; also, the Petition of the Village Council of Blythe.

By Mr. Leys, the Petition of the Huron and Erie Loan and Savings Company.

By Mr. Douglas, the Petition of the Town Council of Oshawa ; also, the Petition of the Village Council of Port Perry.

By Mr. Tucker, the Petition of the Town Council of Harriston ; also, the Petition of the Village Council of Clifford.

By Mr. Matheson, the Petition of the County Council of Lanark.

By Mr. Carpenter, two Petitions of the County Council of Norfolk.

By Mr. Little, the Petition of the County Council of Simcoe.

By Mr. Hoyle, the Petition of the Village Council of Beaverton.

By Mr. Pattullo, two Petitions of the County Council of Oxford.

By Mr. Fox, the Petition of the Town Council of Lindsay.

By Mr. Holmes, the Petition of the Village Council of Cayuga.

Mr. Preston moved, seconded by Mr. Holmes,

That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario as follows :—

To the Honourable Sir Oliver Mowat, G.C.M.G., Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario.

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the Gracious Speech, which Your Honour has addressed to us.

And the motion, having been put, and a Debate ensuing, it was

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Gibson, it was

Resolved, That when this House adjourns to-day, it do stand adjourned until Monday next, at three of the clock in the afternoon.

On motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Gibson.

Resolved, That this House will To-day resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.

Resolved, That this House will To-day, resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Ross delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by himself ; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows :—

O. MOWAT.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits Estimates of certain sums required for the service of the Province, until the Estimates for the year 1900 are finally passed, and recommends them to the Legislative Assembly.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Toronto, February 15th, 1900.

(*Sessional Papers No. 2.*)

Ordered, That the Message of the Lieutenant-Governor, together with the Estimates accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding Three hundred and twenty thousand dollars (\$320,000) be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government, and for other purposes (as mentioned in the statement accompanying the Message of the Lieutenant-Governor to this House), and from the 1st day of January, 1900, to the passing

of the Appropriation Act for the year 1900, and not exceeding the last day of March, 1900. Such expenditures to be confined to the ordinary necessary payments for the different services to which they respectively relate, and a detailed statement of such expenditure to be laid before the House before the second reading of the Appropriation Act of 1900, and the details of the said several services to be included in the detailed Estimates to be brought down to this House, as though this Resolution had not passed ; it being declared that the expenditure under the head of " Public Works and Buildings " shall, in all cases, be confined to lapsed appropriations for 1899.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution ; also, That the Committee had directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received forwith.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

Mr. Charlton, from the Committee of Supply, reported a Resolution, which was read as follows :—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding Three hundred and twenty thousand dollars (\$320,000), be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government and for other purposes (as mentioned in the statement accompanying the Message of the Lieutenant Governor to this House), from the first day of January, 1900, to the passing of the Appropriation Act for the year 1900, and not exceeding the last day of March, 1900. Such expenditures to be confined to the ordinary necessary payments for the different services to which they respectively relate, and a detailed statement of such expenditures to be laid before the House, before the second reading of the Appropriation Act of 1900, and the details of the said several services to be included in the detailed Estimates, to be brought down to this House, as though this Resolution had not passed ; it being declared that the expenditure under the head of " Public Works and Buildings " shall in all cases be confined to lapsed appropriations for 1899.

The Resolution, having been read the second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to the Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, That there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of this Province a sum not exceeding Three hundred and twenty thousand dollars (\$320,000), to meet the supply to that extent granted to Her Majesty.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution ; also, That the Committee had directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received forthwith.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

Mr. Charlton, from the Committee on Ways and Means, reported a Resolution, which was read as follows :—

Resolved, That there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of this Province a sum not exceeding three hundred and twenty thousand dollars (\$320,000), to meet the supply to that extent granted to Her Majesty.

The Resolution, having been read the second time, was agreed to.

Mr. Stratton presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor :—

Copy of an Order-in-Council, approved by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor the thirty-first day of January, 1900, directing that a Commission be appointed to enquire into matters connected with the election for the West Riding of Elgin, and also a copy of the Commission issued thereunder. (*Sessional Papers, No. 46.*)

The House then adjourned at 5 p.m.

Monday, 19th February, 1900.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. Ross, the Petition of the Town Council of Strathroy.

By Mr. Foy, the Petition of Messieurs Lever Bros., Ltd., of Toronto.

By Mr. Farwell, the Petition of the Manitoulin and North Shore Railway Company.

By Mr. Carscallen, the Petition of George Smith, and others, of Grimsby.

By Mr. Brown, the Petition of the Town Council of Listowel.

By Mr. Malcolm, the Petition of the County Council of Bruce.

By Mr. Monteith, the Petition of the County Council of Perth.

By Mr. Bowman, the Petition of the Village Council of Port Elgin.

By Mr. Matheson, the Petition of the County Council of Lanark; also, the Petition of the Town Council of Perth.

By Mr. Loughrin, the Petition of the Village Council of Burk's Falls.

By Mr. Auld, the Petition of the County Council of Essex.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of the Town Council of Collingwood, praying that an Act may pass to legalize and confirm a By-law granting aid to Steel Ship Building Yards.

Of the Davenport Methodist Church, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the removal of the remains of bodies and monuments from burial ground.

Of the Town Council of Dunnville, praying that an Act may pass to legalize and confirm By-law No. 15, granting aid to F. R. Lalor.

Of the Town Council of Durham, praying that an Act may pass to legalize and confirm By-law 304, in aid of the Durham Furniture Company, Limited.

Of Remigius Elmsley, of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass extending the powers conferred upon him as executor of the will of the late Charlotte Elmsley.

Of William Herbert Fisher, of Chatham, praying that an Act may pass enabling him to practice dentistry in the County of Kent without certificate of qualification, until the first day of January, 1901.

Of the Town Council of Fort William, praying that an Act may pass empowering the Corporation to enter into a certain agreement with W. W. Ogilvie, and for ratification of the same, and for other purposes.

Of the Town Council of Goderich, praying that an Act may pass to legalize and confirm a certain By-law granting \$10,000 to the Kensington Furnishing Company.

Of the Town Council of Harriston, and the Harriston Pork Packing Company, Limited, praying that an Act may pass to legalize and confirm By-law No. 350 of the Town.

Of the Huron and Erie Loan and Savings Company, praying that an Act may pass confirming to the Company certain powers, rights and privileges.

Of R. T. Robertson, and others, of Ingersoll, praying that an Act may pass to revive and extend the Act incorporating the Ingersoll Electric Railway Company.

Of the Town Council of Lindsay, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm a certain agreement between the Lindsay Waterworks Company and the Corporation, for the purchase of waterworks.

Of the Township Council of Portland, praying that an Act may pass to amend the Act 29 Vic., c. 84, relating to the Napanee River Improvement Company.

Of the Town Council of Oshawa, praying that an Act may pass to legalize and confirm By-law Nos. 477 and 480.

Of the Rector and Churchwardens of St. George's Church, Ottawa, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the issue of debentures to the amount of \$14,000.

Of the Pelee Public School Board; also, of John Rahny and others; also, of Joseph Koifal and others; also, of S. Mahoney and others: also, of F. C. Braun and others, all of Pelee, severally praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Board to sell certain lands and invest the proceeds.

Of the County Council of Perth, praying that an Act may pass to reunite the North and South Ridings of the County for Registration of Titles.

Of the Town Council of Port Arthur, praying that an Act may pass to legalize and confirm a certain By-law exempting certain property from municipal taxation and for other purposes.

Of the Village Council of Port Perry, praying that an Act may pass to legalize and confirm By-law No. 452.

Of the Port Stanley Electric Street Railway Company, Limited, praying that an Act may pass to amend their Act of incorporation.

Of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, praying that an Act may pass constituting a Corporation by the name of the Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, in which shall be vested all real and personal estate.

Of the Township Council of Sheffield, praying that an Act may pass to consolidate their debt.

Of the Town Council of Strathroy, praying that an Act may pass to remove doubt as to the powers and right of the Corporation to pay a bonus of \$6,500 to C. S. Paine.

Of the Town Council of Sudbury, praying that an Act may pass to consolidate their debt.

Of the Village Council of Tottenham, praying that an Act may pass to legalize and confirm By-law No. 115.

Of Joseph Arthur Tremblay of Tilbury, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Law Society of Upper Canada to admit him to practice as a Solicitor.

Of the Welland Hotel and Sanitarium Company, Limited, praying that an Act may pass to legalize and confirm By-law No. 1,254, of the City of St. Catharines.

Of the Town Council of Wiarton, praying that an Act may pass to legalize and confirm By-law, No. 127, for the promotion of Beet Sugar Manufacture.

Of the City Council of Windsor, praying that an Act may pass to legalize and confirm By-law No. 982.

Of the Town Council of Wingham, praying that an Act may pass to authorize the Corporation to submit a By-law empowering them to borrow money in aid of manufacturers.

Of the County Council of Oxford ; also, of the County Council of Simcoe ; also, of the County Council of Norfolk ; also, of the Town Council of Clinton, severally praying certain amendments to the Municipal and Assessment Acts, respecting the assessment of Telegraph and Telephone Lines and the manufacture of Light, etc.

Of the County Council of Oxford, praying certain amendments to Regulations of Department of Education, as to fees charged to students.

Of Christian Zimmerman and others of Zurich, praying certain amendments to the Insurance Act, respecting the term of contract for Mutual and Cash Mutual Fire Companies.

Of the County Council of Lanark, praying certain amendments to the Municipal Act, respecting divisions in Counties.

Of the Village Council of Weston ; also, of the Village Council of Clifford ; also, of the Village Council of Beaverton ; also, of the Village Council of Cayuga ; also, of the Village Council of Creemore ; also, of the Village Council of Blythe, severally praying certain amendments to the Municipal Act, respecting the providing for cost of granolithic sidewalks in villages.

Of the County Council of Oxford, praying that what shall constitute a lawful road-way may be defined by Statute.

The following Bill was introduced and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 101), intituled " An Act to amend the Local Courts Act."—Mr. Hoyle.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Gibson,

Resolved, That a Special Committee of twelve members be appointed to prepare and report with all convenient speed, lists of Members to compose the Select Standing Committees ordered by this House, to be composed as follows :—The Attorney-General and Messieurs Davis, Stratton, Carpenter, Charlton, Conmee, Foy, McKee, Marter, Matheson, Miscampbell and Whitney.

Thomas E. Robson, Esquire, member elect for the East Riding of the County of Middlesex, having taken the Oaths and signed the Roll, took his seat.

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House the following letter :—

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE,

TORONTO, February 16th, 1900.

The Hon. F. E. A. Evans, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Province of Ontario :

DEAR SIR,—I have the honour, by direction of the Mayor of Toronto, to extend a cordial invitation to yourself and the Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, to attend a public meeting to be held in the Pavilion, Horticultural Gardens, in this City, on Tuesday evening next, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of considering the advisability of offering to the Imperial Authorities an additional number of Infantry, mounted or otherwise, as a further Canadian Contingent for service in South Africa, and other matters in relation to the sending of such troops.

Seats will be reserved on the platform for the members of the House who desire to be present.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. A. LITTLEJOHN,

City Clerk.

The Order of the Day for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the motion for consideration of the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session, having been read,

The Debate was resumed.

And after some time it was

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned until To-morrow.

Mr. Stratton, presented to the House by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor :—

Copy of a Commission appointing Messieurs Hoskin, Walker and Kirkland, Commissioners to enquire into the Financial Affairs of the Province of Ontario. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 47.)

The House then adjourned at 10.50 P.M.

Tuesday 20th February, 1900.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK, P.M.

Mr. Speaker informed the House,

That the Clerk had laid upon the Table :—

Return from the Record of the several Elections of the Legislative Assembly in the Electoral Divisions of West Peterborough, South Renfrew, South Ontario, East Elgin, West Elgin, South Brant, and East Middlesex, since the General Election of

March 1st, 1898, shewing :—(1) The number of Votes polled for each Candidate in the Electoral District in which there was a contest. (2) The majority whereby each successful Candidate was returned. (3) The total number of Votes polled in each District. (4) The number of Votes remaining unpolled. (5) The number of names on the Voters' Lists in each District. (6) The population of each District as shewn by the last census. (*Sessional Papers No. 42.*)

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. Auld, the Petition of the Township Council of Anderdon; also, the Petition of the County Council of Essex.

By Mr. Caldwell, the Petition of the Town Council of Arnprior.

By Mr. Jessop, the Petition of the Village Council of Port Dalhousie; also, the Petition of Isaac Usher, and others, of Queenston.

By Mr. Hill, the Petition of the Toronto Suburban Street Railway Company Limited.

By Mr. Thompson, the Petition of the Town Council of Barrie.

By Mr. Bridgland, the Petition of Richard John Lance, of the Township of Watt.

By Mr. Mutrie, two Petitions of the County Council of Wellington.

By Mr. Kribs, the Petition of the Town Council of Galt; also, the Petition of the Town Council of North Bay; also, of the Town Council of Ridgetown.

By Mr. Burt, two Petitions of the Town Council of Paris.

By Mr. Barr, the Petition of the County Council of Dufferin.

By Mr. Brower, the Petition of the Village Council of Port Stanley.

By Mr. Russell, the Petition of the County Council of Hastings.

By Mr. McLaughlin, the Petition of the Town Council of Cornwall.

By Mr. Eilber, the Petition of the Village Council of Hensall.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned Debate on the motion for consideration of the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session, having been read,

The Debate was continued.

And, after some time, it was

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned until To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 9.55 p.m.

Wednesday 21st February, 1900.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. Dryden, the Petition of the Village Council of Port Perry; also, the Petition of the Town Council of Whitby.

By Mr. Harty, the Petition of the City Council of Kingston.

By Mr. Conmee, the Petition of the Municipality of Shuniah; also, the Petition of H. H. Beck, and others, of Winnipeg.

By Mr. Leys, the Petition of the City Council of London.

By Mr. Jamieson, the Petition of the Village Council of Dundalk.

By Mr. Wardell, the Petition of the Village Council of Waterdown.

By Mr. Barber, the Petition of the Town Council of Oakville.

By Mr. Brower, the Petition of John Gilbert, and others, of Elgin.

By Mr. Bowman, the Petition of the Village Council of Tara.

By Mr. Barr, the Petition of the County Council of Dufferin.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of George Smith and others of North Grimsby, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Crow Lake Development Company.

Of Messieurs Lever Bros., Limited, of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass to confirm a certain agreement with the City of Toronto, and to legalize By-laws numbers 3741 and 3743.

Of the Manitoulin and North Shore Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass empowering the company to lay out and build a railway from Little Current to Meaford.

Of the County Council of Essex, praying amendments to certain Regulations of the Department of Education as to fees charged to Students.

Of the County Council of Bruce, praying certain amendments to the School law respecting the selection of school sites.

Of the Village Council of Port Elgin, praying certain amendments to the Municipal Act, respecting the providing for cost of granolithic sidewalks in villages.

Of the Town Council of Perth, praying certain amendments to the Municipal Act, respecting County Divisions.

Of the Village Council of Burk's Falls; also, of the Town Council of Strathroy; also, of the Town Council of Listowel; also, of the County Council of Lanark; also, of the County Council of Essex, severally praying certain amendments to the Assessment and Municipal Acts, respecting the manufacture of light and the taxation of plant.

Of the County Council of Perth, praying certain amendments to the Law respecting the committal of Vagrants.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned Debate on the motion for consideration of the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session, having been read,

The Debate was continued.

And, after some time, it was

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned until To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 10.45 p.m.

Thursday 22nd February, 1900.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Harty, the Petition of the Rector and Churchwardens of St. George's Cathedral Church of Kingston.

By Mr. Clarke, the Petition of the Town Council of Cobourg; also, two Petitions of the County Council of the United Counties of Northumberland and Durham.

By Mr. Richardson, the Petition of the Town Council of North Toronto.

By Mr. Pardo, the Petition of the County Council of Kent.

By Mr. German, the Petition of the County Council of Welland; also, the Petition of the Town Council of Welland; also, the Petition of the Village Council of Port Colborne; also, the Petition of the Village Council of Fort Erie.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of the Township Council of Anderdon, praying that an Act may pass to consolidate their floating debt.

Of the Town Council of Arnprior, praying that an Act may pass to legalize and confirm By law No. 138.

Of the Town Council of Barrie, praying that an Act may pass to confirm a certain agreement with the Barrie Tanning Company, Limited.

Of Richard John Lance of the Township of Watt, praying that an Act may pass to cancel and annul certain water works debentures of the Town of Bracebridge and to authorize the issue of new ones.

Of the County Council of Essex and the Town Council of Leamington, praying that an Act may pass to legalize and confirm By-law No. 239 of the Town of Leamington and to confirm a certain agreement.

Of Isaac Usher and others of Queenston, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Queenston, St. Catharines and Port Dalhousie Electric Railway.

Of the Toronto Suburban Street Railway Company, Limited, praying that an Act may pass to change the name of the Company, and to confirm certain agreements and for other purposes.

Of the County Council of Hastings; also, of the County Council of Wellington, severally praying certain amendments to the Assessment Act, respecting the assessment of Telegraph and Telephone lines and plant.

Of the Town Council of Cornwall; also, of the Town Council of Ridgetown; also, of the Town Council of North Bay; also, of the Town Council of Galt; also, of the Town Council of Paris, severally praying certain amendments to the Municipal Act respecting the manufacture of electric light.

Of the County Council of Dufferin, praying certain amendments to the School law respecting the change of school sections.

Of the Village Council of Port Dalhousie; also, of the Village Council of Hensall; also, of the Village Council of Port Stanley, severally praying certain amendments to the Municipal Act, respecting the providing for the cost of granolithic sidewalks in villages.

Of the County Council of Wellington, praying that municipal councils may be empowered to pass by-laws to regulate the use of traction engines on public highways.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned Debate on the motion for consideration of the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session, having been read,

The Debate was continued.

And, after some time, it was

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned until To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 6 p.m.

Friday 23rd February, 1900.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. Gibson, the Petition of the Village Council of Arthur; also, two Petitions of the Village Council of Elora.

By Mr. Russell, the Petition of the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada.

By Mr. Matheson, the Petition of the Town Council of Smith's Falls.

By Mr. Jessop, two Petitions of the City Council of St. Catharines.

By Mr. Beatty (Leeds), two Petitions of the County Council of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville.

By Mr. Barr, the Petition of the County Council of Dufferin.

By Mr. Malcolm, the Petition of the County Council of Bruce.

By Mr. Dickenson, the Petition of the Nickel Copper Company of Ontario, Limited.

By Mr. Carscallen, the Petition of the Hamilton Radial Electric Railway Company.

By Mr. Brown, the Petition of the Town Council of Listowel.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of the City Council of London, praying that an Act may pass to validate certain By-laws *re* sewers and sidewalks and for other purposes.

Of the Municipality of Shuniah, praying that an Act may pass to legalize and confirm assessment rolls and tax sales.

Of H. H. Beck and others of Winnipeg, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Wabigoon, Manitou and Rainy Lake Railway Company.

Of the County Council of Dufferin, praying certain amendments to the Assessment Act, respecting the assessment of Telegraph and Telephone lines.

Of the City Council of Kingston, praying that the jurisdiction of the Division Courts may be increased.

Of John Gilbert and others of Elgin, praying certain amendments to the Game Law, respecting the hunting of deer with dogs.

Of the Village Council of Waterdown ; also, of the Town Council of Oakville ; also, of the Town Council of Whitby, severally praying certain amendments to the Municipal Act, respecting the manufacture of light.

Of the Village Council of Dundalk ; also, of the Village Council of Port Perry ; also, of the Village Council of Tara, severally praying certain amendments to the Municipal Act, respecting the providing for cost of granolithic sidewalks in villages.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned Debate on the motion for consideration of the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session, having been read,

The Debate was continued.

And, after some time, it was

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned until Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Stratton,

Resolved, That when this House adjourns To-day, it do stand adjourned until Three of the Clock in the afternoon of Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Stratton,

Ordered, That the time for presenting Petitions for Private Bills be extended until and inclusive of Friday next, the second day of March.

The House then adjourned at 5.10 p.m.

Tuesday 27th February, 1900.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. Latchford, the Petition of the Town Council of Renfrew.

By Mr. Boyd, the Petition of the Town Council of Meaford.

By Mr. Fallis, the Petition of the Town Council of Port Hope.

By Mr. Foy, the Petition of the Canada Permanent and Western Canada Mortgage Association.

By Mr. Reid (Durham), the Petition of Cyrus Davis Pinel, of Bowmanville.

By Mr. Loughrin, the Petition of Rinaldo McConnell, and others, of Mattawa.

By Mr. Farwell, the Petition of Samuel Mather, and others, of Cleveland, U.S.A. ; also, the Petition of W. H. Holland, and others, of Algoma.

By Mr. Pardee, the Petition of the Central Canada Loan and Savings Company.

By Mr. Carpenter, the Petition of William Snider, and others, of Waterloo.

By Mr. Russell, the Petition of George F. Marsh, and others, of Huntsville.

By Mr. Kribs, the Petition of the Town Council of Preston.

By Mr. Holmes, the Petition of the Village Council of Caledonia.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of the Village Council of Arthur, praying that an Act may pass to consolidate their debt.

Of the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada, praying that an Act may pass to confirm a certain agreement with the City of Stratford, relating to the assessment of certain property of the Company.

Of the Hamilton Radial Electric Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass extending the time for building and completion of road.

Of the Town Council of Listowel, praying that an Act may pass enabling the Corporation to enter into a certain agreement, and for other purposes.

Of the Rector and Churchwardens of St. George's Cathedral Church, Kingston, praying that an Act may pass to amend 60 Vic. c. 102, and to authorize the Church to borrow \$50,000.

Of the Nickel Copper Company of Ontario, Limited, praying that an Act may pass to confirm their incorporation.

Of the City Council of St. Catharines, praying that an Act may pass empowering the Corporation to acquire water privileges and lands within certain limits, and for other purposes.

Of the Town Council of Smith's Falls, praying that an Act may pass permitting the Corporation to pass a By-law to amend By-law No. 485, and for other purposes.

Of the County Council of Dufferin, praying certain amendments to the Municipal Act, respecting Hawkers and Peddlers.

Of the County Council of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville; also, of the County Council of the United Counties of Northumberland and Durham, severally, praying certain amendments to the Assessment Act, respecting the assessment of Telegraph and Telephone lines.

Of the County Council of Kent; also, of the County Council of the United Counties of Northumberland and Durham, severally praying amendments to certain Regulations of the Education Department, respecting fees charged to students.

Of the County Council of Welland, praying certain amendments to the Municipal Act, respecting the hour of meeting of Councils.

Of the County Council of Bruce, praying certain amendments to the Assessment Act, respecting sales of land for taxes.

Of the Village Council of Elora; also, of the Town Council of Cobourg; also, of the Town Council of North Toronto; also, of the Town Council of Welland, severally, praying certain amendments to the Municipal Act, respecting the manufacture of electric light.

Of the Village Council of Elora; also, of the Village Council of Fort Erie; also, of the Village Council of Port Colborne, severally, praying certain amendments to the Municipal Act, respecting the providing for cost of granolithic sidewalks in villages.

Of the City Council of St. Catharines, praying certain amendments to the Municipal Act, respecting Boards of Police Commissioners.

Of the County Council of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, praying certain amendments to the law, respecting the committal of Vagrants.

The following Bill was introduced and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 102), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act."—Mr. Brower.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday next.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned Debate on the motion for consideration of the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session, having been read,

The Debate was continued.

And, after some time,

Mr. McDiarmid moved, seconded by Mr. Monteith,

That the Motion be amended by adding to it the following words: "And to express our regret that the scope of the Commission appointed with reference to alleged irregularities at the West Elgin Election is confined to an enquiry into, and a report to Your Honour on the conduct of the Returning Officer and of the several Deputy Returning Officers and Poll Clerks at and in connection with the said Election, and does not permit an enquiry into the acts of fraud, perjury and forgery, tampering with and stealing ballots duly cast, alleged and shewn to have been committed at and during the said election by persons other than the said Returning Officer, Deputy Returning Officers, and Poll Clerks. Also, to express our regret that no steps have been taken by the Government to ensure the prosecution of any of the persons who have been shewn at the election trials in West Elgin, North Waterloo and otherwise, to have been guilty of fraud, perjury and forgery and of tampering with and stealing ballots duly cast."

Mr. Gibson then moved, seconded by Mr. Harcourt in amendment to the Amendment:

That all the words after the word "express" where the said word first occurs in the said Amendment be struck out and the following be substituted in lieu thereof: "its satisfaction that certain persons reported by the Election Judges for corrupt practices in the South Riding of Ontario have been duly proceeded against and punished as provided in the Election Act, and that enquiries are being made by a Royal Commission with a view of reporting to this House, into the frauds and irregularities reported by the Judges in the Bye-Election held in the West Riding of Elgin, on the 12th day of January, 1899.

And a Debate having arisen, it was

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned until To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 11 p.m.

Wednesday, 28th February, 1900.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Gibson, the Petition of the Town Council of Mount Forest.

By Mr. Bridgland, the Petition of the Township Councils of McLean and Ridout, and others.

By Mr. Hill, the Petition of the Ontario Dental Association.

By Mr. Russell, the Petition of the Ontario, Belmont and Northern Railway Company.

By Mr. Lumsden, the Petition of Nicholas Charles Sparks, and others, of Ottawa; also, the Petition of the Pontiac and Pacific Junction Railway Company; also, the Petition of the City Council of Ottawa and the Ottawa and New York Railway Company; also, three Petitions of the City Council of Ottawa.

Br. Mr. Malcolm, the Petition of the Town Council of Kincardine.

By Mr. Malcolm, two Petitions of the County Council of Bruce.

By Mr. Fox, the Petition of the County Council of Victoria.

The following Bill was introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 103), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Burt.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

On motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Gibson,

Resolved, That a Select Committee be appointed to act with Mr. Speaker in the control and management of the Library, to be composed as follows: Messieurs Ross, Gibson, Harcourt, Davis, Stratton, Whitney, Matheson, Toy, Graham and Lucas.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned Debate on the motion for consideration of the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session, and the Amendments proposed thereto, having been read,

The Debate was continued.

And, after some time, it was

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 6 p.m.

Thursday, 1st March, 1900.

PRAYERS.

3 o'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Hoyle, the Petition of the Village Council of Cannington.

By Mr. Carnegie, the Petition of the Metropolitan Railway Company.

By Mr. Conmee, the Petition of Alexander Jarvis McComber of Port Arthur.

By Mr. Pardo, the Petition of M. Sharp and others of Tilbury.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of the Canada Permanent and Western Canada Mortagage Corporation, praying that an Act may pass to confirm their Act of Incorporation, 62 and 63 Vic. c. 101, Canada.

Of the Central Canada Loan and Savings Company, praying that an Act may pass to confirm a certain conveyance and assignment.

Of W. H. Holland and others of Algoma, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the building of a railway through the township of Denison to the Stobie Branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Of George F. Marsh and others of Huntsville, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Huntsville and Lake of Bays Railway Company.

Of the Town Council of Meaford, praying that an Act may pass to legalize and confirm two certain agreements between the Corporation ; the Botsford Jenks Company of Port Huron, U.S.A., and the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada, and for other purposes.

Of Samuel Mather and others of Cleveland, Ohio, U.S.A., praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Mineral Railway Company.

Of Rinaldo McConnell and others of Mattawa, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Nickel Belt Railway Company.

Of Cyrus Davis Pinel of Bowmanville, praying that an Act may pass to authorize the College of Dental Surgeons to admit him as a licentiate of dental surgery.

Of the Town Council of Port Hope, praying that an Act may pass to enable the corporation to borrow \$20,000 for improvements of water works.

Of the Town Council of Preston, praying that an Act may pass to authorize the corporation to submit a by-law to empower the borrowing of \$4,500, and for other purposes.

Of William Snider and others of Waterloo, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Superior and James Bay Railway Company.

Of the Town Council of Renfrew, praying certain amendments to the Municipal Act respecting the manufacture of electric light.

Of the Village Council of Caledonia, praying certain amendments to the Municipal Act, respecting the providing for cost of granolithic sidewalks in villages.

The Attorney-General, from the Special Committee appointed to prepare and report, with all convenient speed, Lists of Members to compose the Select Standing Committees ordered by this House, presented the following Lists as their Report which was read :

COMMITTEE ON STANDING ORDERS.—Messieurs Barr, Beatty (Leeds), Beatty (Parry Sound), Brower, Brown, Burt, Carnegie, Carpenter, Charlton, Clarke, Davis, Dickenson, Farwell, Ferguson, Gallagher, German, Graham, Hoyle, Hislop, Jessop, Kidd, Kribs, Latchford, Little, Lucas, McDiarmid, McKay, Matheson, Miscampbell, Mutrie, Powell, Pyne, Reid (Durham), Richardson, Robson, Russell, Smith, Stratton and Truax.—39.

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of Seven members.

COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS.—Messieurs Auld, Barber, Barr, Beatty (Parry Sound), Blezard, Boyd, Brower, Brown, Burt, Caldwell, Carscallen, Carpenter, Charlton, Clarke, Colquhoun, Conmee, Crawford, Davis, Dempsey, Dickenson, Douglas, Duff, Eilber, Fallis, Farwell, Ferguson, Foy, Fox, German, Gibson, Graham, Guibord, Harcourt, Hill, Holmes, Hoyle, Hislop, Jamieson, Jessop, Joynt, Kidd, Latchford, Leys, Little, Loughrin, Lucas, Lumsden, Matheson, Miscampbell, Morrison, Mutrie, McKay, McKee, Pardo, Pattullo, Preston, Reid (Addington), Reid (Durham), Richardson, Russell, Smith, Stratton, Thompson, Truax, Tucker, Wardell, White and Whitney.—68.

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of Nine members.

COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS.—Messieurs Allan, Aylesworth, Barr, Barber, Beatty (Leeds), Beatty (Parry Sound), Blezard, Bowman, Boyd, Bridgland, Brown, Burt,

Carnegie, Carpenter, Carscallen, Charlton, Colquhoun, Conmee, Crawford, Davis, Dryden, Duff, Eilber, Fallis, Farwell, Ferguson, Gallagher, German, Gibson, Graham, Guibord, Harty, Hill, Holmes, Hislop, Jamieson, Jessop, Joynt, Latchford, Leys, Loughrin, Lumsden, Marter, Malcolm, Miscampbell, Morrison, Mutrie, McDiarmid, McDonald, McKee, McKay, McLaughlin, Pardee, Pattullo, Powell, Pyne, Reid (Addington), Richardson, Russell, Smith, Stratton, Taylor, Thompson, Truax, Wardell, Whitney.—66.

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of Nine members.

COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL LAW.—The Attorney-General, Messieurs Allan, Auld, Aylesworth, Barber, Barr, Beatty (Leeds), Beatty (Parry Sound), Blezard, Bowman, Bridgland, Brower, Brown, Burt, Carnegie, Carpenter, Carscallen, Clarke, Crawford, Davis, Dempsey, Dickenson, Douglas, Dryden, Duff, Eilber, Fallis, Ferguson, Foy, Fox, German, Gibson, Graham, Guibord, Hill, Holmes, Hoyle, Hislop, Jamieson, Jessop, Kidd, Kribs, Latchford, Leys, Little, Lucas, Lumsden, Malcolm, Mutrie, McDiarmid, McDonald, McKay, McKee, McLaughlin, Pattullo, Pardee, Pardo, Pettypiece, Preston, Pyne, Reid (Addington), Reid (Durham), Robson, Richardson, Russell, Smith, Stratton, Taylor, Thompson, Truax, Tucker, White and Whitney—72.

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of Seven members.

COMMITTEE ON PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS.—Messieurs Aylesworth, Allan, Blezard, Bridgland, Cardwell, Charlton, Conmee, Davis, Douglas, Dryden, Duff, Fallis, Farwell, Foy, Fox, Gallagher, Gibson, Graham, Guibord, Harcourt, Jamieson, Jessop, Joynt, Latchford, Leys, Marter, Miscampbell, Morrison, McDiarmid, McDonald, McLaughlin, Pardee, Pardo, Pattullo, Pettypiece, Ross, Smith, Taylor, White and Whitney—40.

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of Nine members.

COMMITTEE ON LEGAL BILLS.—Messieurs Carscallen, Charlton, Conmee, Davis, Farwell, Foy, German, Gibson, Latchford, Lucas, Matheson, McKay, Ross, Thompson, Pardee, Wardell and Whitney—17.

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of Five members.

COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.—Messieurs Auld, Beatty (Leeds), Colquhoun, Dempsey, Graham, Harcourt, Kribs, Pettypiece, Preston, Ross, Russell, Stratton, Tucker and Wardell—14.

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of Five members.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.—Messieurs Auld, Bowman, Boyd, Caldwell, Carnegie, Carpenter, Carscallen, Charlton, Clarke, Conmee, Crawford, Davis, Dickenson, Eilber, Farwell, German, Harty, Hoyle, Kidd, Latchford, Loughrin, Matheson, Pardee, Reid (Addington), Richardson, Ross, Stratton, Tucker, Wardell and Whitney—30.

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of Seven members.

Resolved, That this House doth concur in the above Report.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 104), intituled “An Act to amend the Municipal Act.”—Mr. Joynt.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 105), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Arbitration Act."—Mr. Smith.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 106), intituled "An Act to amend the Drainage Act, 1894."—Mr. McLaughlin.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned Debate on the motion for consideration of the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session, and the Amendments proposed thereto, having been read,

The Debate was continued.

And, after some time, it was

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned until To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 11.30 p. m.

Friday, 2nd March, 1900.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. Whitney, three Petitions of the County Council of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry; also, the Petition of the County Council of the United Counties of Lennox and Addington.

By Mr. Marter, the Petition of the City Council of Toronto.

By Mr. Crawford, the Petition of the City Council of Toronto.

By Mr. Barber, the Petition of the Town Council of Milton.

By Mr. German, the Petition of Theodore H. Eaton and others of Detroit, U.S.A.

By Mr. Fox, the Petition of the Village Council of Woodville.

By Mr. Preston, the Petition of T. M. Slaght and others of Scotland.

By Mr. Lumsden, the Petition of J. C. Bower and others of Ottawa.

By Mr. Carscallen, the Petition of the City Council of Hamilton.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of the Town Council of Bracebridge; the Township Councils of McLean and Ridout, Macaulay and Monck, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Bracebridge and Trading Lake Railway Company.

Of the Town Council of Kincardine, praying that an Act may pass to legalize and confirm a certain By-law in aid of manufacturers.

Of the Ontario, Belmont and Northern Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass to extend the time for building and completion of the road.

Of Nicholas Charles Sparks, and others, of Ottawa, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Ottawa and Dundas Electric Railway Company.

Of the City Council of Ottawa, praying that an Act may pass to reduce the number of Aldermen to be elected in each ward to two extending term of office for two years, and for other purposes.

Of the City Council of Ottawa and the Ottawa and New York Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass to legalize and confirm By-law No. 1974, extending the time for compliance by the Ottawa and the New York Railway Company with the conditions of By-law number 1797.

Of the Pontiac and Pacific Junction Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass to legalize and confirm a certain By-law of the City of Ottawa respecting a certain bridge.

Of the County Council of Victoria, praying certain amendments to the Assessment Act, respecting the assessment of Telegraph and Telephone lines.

Of the County Council of Bruce, praying certain amendments to the Assessment Act, respecting the adoption of the last assessment, as that for a period of three years.

Of the Ontario Dental Association, praying legislation in the direction of compulsory inspection of the teeth of school children.

Of the Town Council of Mount Forest ; also, of the City Council of Ottawa, severally praying certain amendments to the Municipal Act respecting the manufacture of electric light.

Of the County Council of Bruce, praying certain amendments to the Municipal Act, respecting Hawkers and Peddlers.

Of the City Council of Ottawa, praying certain amendments to the Municipal Act, respecting the qualification of voters.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 107), intituled "An Act to amend the Assessment Act."—Mr. Barr.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Wednesday next.

Bill (No. 108), intituled "An Act to reduce the expenses of the Administration of Justice."—Mr. Hoyle.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Wednesday next.

Bill (No. 109), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act."—Mr. Eilber.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Harcourt,

Ordered, That the name of Mr. Monteith be substituted for that of Mr. Carnegie on the Standing Orders Committee, and for that of Mr. Fallis, on the Municipal Committee.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned Debate on the motion for consideration of the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session, and the Amendments proposed thereto, having been read,

The Debate was continued.

And, after some time, it was

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned until Monday next.

The House then adjourned at 6 p.m.

Monday, 5th March, 1900.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. Russell, the Petition of the City Council of Stratford.

By Mr. Hill, the Petition of the Town Council of North Toronto.

By Mr. Tucker, two Petitions of the Town Council of Harriston.

By Mr. Barber, the Petition of L. L. Bennett and others of Georgetown.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of Alexander Jarvis McComber, of Port Arthur, praying that an Act may pass to authorize the Law Society of Upper Canada to admit him to practice as a Solicitor.

Of the Metropolitan Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass enabling the Company to run its cars over the tracks of the Toronto Railway, for the purpose of passenger and other traffic.

Of M. Sharp, and others of Tilbury, praying certain amendments to the Game Law, respecting the spring shooting of Ducks.

Of the Village Council of Cannington, praying certain amendments to the Municipal Act, respecting the providing for cost of granolithic sidewalks in villages.

Mr. Charlton, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented their First Report, which was read as follows and adopted,

The Committee have carefully examined the following Petitions and find the notices as published in each case sufficient :—

Of the Pelee Public School Board, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Board to sell certain lands ;

Of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, praying that an Act may pass constituting a corporation by the name of the Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, in which shall be vested all real and personal estate ;

Of the Town Council of Oshawa, praying that an Act may pass to legalize and confirm By-laws Nos. 477 and 480 ;

Of Remigius Elmsley of the City of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass extending the powers conferred upon him as executor of the will of the late Charlotte Elmsley ;

Of Joseph Arthur Tremblay of Tilbury, praying that an Act may pass to authorize the Law Society of Upper Canada to admit him to practise as a Solicitor ;

Of the Town Council of Lindsay, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm a certain agreement between the Lindsay Water Works Company and the Corporation, for the purchase of Water Works ;

Of the Town Council of Dunnville, praying that an Act may pass to legalize and confirm By-law No. 15, granting aid to F. R. Lalor ;

Of the Town Council of Harriston praying that an Act may pass to confirm By-law No. 350 of the Town ;

Of the Township Council of Sheffield, praying that an Act may pass to consolidate their debt ;

Of the Town Council of Sudbury, praying that an Act may pass to consolidate their debt ;

Of the Town Council of Durham, praying that an Act may pass to legalize and confirm By-law No. 354 in aid of the Durham Furniture Company, Limited ;

Of the Town Council of Goderich, praying that an Act may pass granting aid by way of loan to Frederick George Rumball, successor to the Kensington Furniture Company, Limited, to the amount of \$10,000 ;

Of the Davenport Methodist Church, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the removal of remains of bodies and monuments from the burial grounds ;

Of the Rector and Church Wardens of St. George's Church, Ottawa, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the issue of debentures to the amount of \$14,000 ;

Of George Smith and others of North Grimsby, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate The Crow Lake Railway and Development Company ;

Of George F. Marsh and others of Huntsville, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Huntsville and Lake of Bays Railway Company ;

Of the Town Council of Preston, praying that an Act may pass to authorize the corporation to submit a by-law to empower the borrowing of \$4,500 and for other purposes.

The Committee recommend that Rule No. 51 of this Honourable House be suspended in this, that the time for presenting Petitions for Private Bills, and the time for introducing Private Bills to this Honourable House be severally extended until and inclusive of Wednesday the fourteenth day of March, instant.

Ordered, That the time for presenting Petitions for Private Bills and the time for introducing Private Bills, be extended until and inclusive of Wednesday the fourteenth day of March, instant.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 16), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Dunnville."—Mr. German.
Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 1), intituled "An Act to consolidate the floating debt of the Town of Sudbury."—Mr. Laughrin.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 5), intituled "An Act to consolidate the debt of the Township of Sheffield."—Mr. Reid (Addington.)

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 48), intituled "An Act to incorporate The Huntsville and Lake of Bays Railway Company."—Mr. Bridgland.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 45), intituled "An Act to incorporate the Crow Lake Railway and Development Company."—Mr. Carscallen.

Referred to the Committee of Railways.

Bill (No 4), intituled " An Act to confirm By-law No. 354 of the Town of Durham and a certain agreement entered into between the said town and the Durham Furniture Company, Limited."—Mr. Jamieson.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 9), intituled " An Act to authorize the Law Society of Upper Canada, to admit Joseph Arthur Tremblay to practise as a Solicitor."—Mr. Auld.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 21), intituled " An Act to authorize the sale of certain lands by the Public School Board of the Township of Pelee in the County of Essex."—Mr. Auld.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 17), intituled " An Act respecting St. George's Church, Ottawa."—Mr. Matheson.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 36), intituled " An Act respecting the Town of Goderich."—Mr. Hislop.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 11), intituled " An Act to confirm By-law No. 350 of the Town of Harriston."—Mr. Bowman.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 37), intituled " An Act respecting the Davenport Methodist Church Burying Ground."—Mr. Hill.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 10), intituled " An Act incorporating the Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian Church of Canada."—Mr. Gibson.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 20), intituled " An Act respecting the Town of Oshawa."—Mr. Richardson.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 6), intituled " An Act respecting the Estate of the late Charlotte Elmsley."—Mr. Foy.

Referred to the Commissioners of Estates Bills.

Bill (No. 110), intituled " An Act to amend the Municipal Drainage Act."—Mr. Brown.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Wednesday next.

Bill (No. 111), intituled " An Act to amend the Municipal Act."—Mr. Matheson.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Wednesday next.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned Debate on the motion for consideration of the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session, and the Amendments proposed thereto, having been read,

The Debate was continued.

And, after some time, it was

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned until To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, 6th March, 1900.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. Auld the Petition of the Amherstburg Library and Reading Room Association.

By Mr. Loughrin, the Petition of the Algoma Commercial Company, Limited ; also, the Petition of the Pacific and Atlantic Railway Company.

By Mr. Conmee, the Petition of the Municipality of Neebing.

By Mr. Graham, the Petition of E. Giles, and others, of Brockville.

By Mr. German, the Petition of the Village Council of Fort Erie.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of the Town Council of Milton, praying that an Act may pass to authorize the Corporation to loan \$10,000 in aid of a Carpet Manufactory and to exempt the same from taxation for twenty years.

Of Theodore Horatio Eaton, and others, of Detroit, U. S. A., praying that an Act may pass to incorporate The Nepigon Lands Company.

Of the City Council of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm a certain agreement with Lever Bros. ; to ratify the opening of Victoria Street, South, and to validate certain By-laws.

Of the City Council of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass to enable the publication of certain letters written by William Laidlaw, *et al* to William Mackenzie, and others, disclosing certain information regarding the Franchise of Toronto and Montreal Street Railways, and for other purposes.

Of the County Council of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry ; also, of the County Council of the United Counties of Lennox and Addington, severally praying certain amendments to the Assessment Act, respecting the assessment of Telegraph and Telephone Lines.

Of the County Council of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, praying certain amendments to the Ontario Drainage Act, respecting contribution to the original cost of drains.

Of the County Council of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, praying certain amendments to the Public School Act, respecting continuation classes.

Of the Village Council of Woodville, praying certain amendments to the Municipal Act, respecting the providing for cost of granolithic sidewalks in villages.

Of T. C. Bower, and others, of Ottawa, praying legislation in the direction of a compulsory examination of the teeth of school children.

Of the City Council of Hamilton, praying certain amendments to the Municipal Act, respecting the appointment of one of the Auditors of the Administration of Justice Accounts.

Of T. M. Slaght, and others, of Scotland, praying certain amendments to the Municipal Act, respecting free markets for farm produce.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 25), intituled "An Act respecting the Corporation of the Town of Preston."—Mr. Kribs.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 112), intituled "An Act to amend the Public School Act."—Mr. Barr.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 113), intituled "An Act relating to the employment of Aliens in Ontario."—Mr. Wardell.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 114), intituled "An Act respecting Town Councils."—Mr. Smith.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 115), intituled "An Act to amend the Ontario Insurance Act."—Mr. Eilber.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned Debate on the motion for consideration of the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session, and the Amendments proposed thereto, having been read,

The Debate was continued.

And, after some time,

The amendment to the Amendment, having been put, was carried on the following Division :—

YEAS.

Messieurs :

Auld	Davis	Holmes	Pattullo
Aylsworth	Dickenson	Latchford	Pettypiece
Beatty (Parry Sound)	D'yden	Leys	Preston
Bleizard	Farwell	Loughrin	Richardson
Bridgland	Ferguson	Lumsden	Ross
Brown	German	Malcolm	Russell
Burt	Gibson	Mutrie	Smith
Caldwell	Graham	McKay	Stratton
Carpenter	Guibord	McKee	Taylor
Charlton	Hill	Pardee	Truax—43.
Clarke	Histlop	Pardo	

NAYS

Messieurs :

Allen	Dempsey	Kribs	Pyne
Barr	Duff	Lucas	Reid (Addington)
Beatty (Leeds)	Eilber	Marter	Reid (Durham)
Boyd	Fallis	Matheson	Robson
Brower	Fox	Miscampbell	Thompson
Carnegie	Gallagher	Monteith	Tucker
Carscallen	Hoyle	Morrison	Wardell
Colquhoun	Jamieson	McDonald	White
Crawford	Joyst	McLaughlin	Whitney—36.

PAIRS.

Harcourt	....	....	....	....	McDiarmid.
Harty	....	....	....	....	Foy.
Conmee	....	....	....	....	Powell.
Barber	....	....	....	....	Little.
Bowman	....	....	....	....	Jessop.
Douglas	....	....	....	....	Kidd.

The Amendment, as amended, having been then put, was carried on the following Division :—

YEAS

Messieurs :

Auld	Davis	Holmes	Pattullo
Aylsworth	Dickenson	Latchford	Pettypiece
Beatty (Parry Sound)	Dryden	Leys	Preston
Bleizard	Farwell	Loughrin	Richardson
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Brower	Fox	Miscampbell	Thompson
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Colquhoun	Jamieson	McDonald	White
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PAIRS.

Harcourt	McDiarmid.
Harty	Foy.
Conmee	Powell.
Barber	Little.
Bowman	Jessop.
Douglas	....	....	....	....	Kidd.

The Address as amended, having been then put, was carried.

And it was

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, as follows :—

To the Honourable Sir Oliver Mowat, G.C.M.G., Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario.

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, now assembled, beg leave to thank your Honour for the Gracious Speech which your Honour has addressed to us, and to express its satisfaction that certain persons reported by the Election Judges for corrupt practices in the South Riding of Ontario have been duly proceeded against and punished as provided in the Election Act, and that enquiries are being made by a Royal Commission with a view of reporting to this House, into the frauds and irregularities reported by the Judges in the Bye-Election held in the West Riding of Elgin, on the 12th day of January, 1899.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor by such members of the House as are members of His Honour's Honourable Council.

And the House, having continued to sit until Twelve of the clock, Midnight.

WEDNESDAY, 7th March, 1900.

Mr. Ross delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by himself; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows:—

O. MOWAT.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits estimates of certain sums required for the service of the Province for the year 1900, and to complete the service of the year 1899, and recommends them to the Legislative Assembly.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Toronto, 6th March, 1900.

(*Sessional Papers No. 2.*)

Ordered, That the Message of the Lieutenant-Governor, together with the Estimates accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Ross presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Public Accounts of the Province for the year ending 31st December, 1899.
(*Sessional Papers No. 1.*)

Also—Report of the Royal Commission on the Financial Position of the Province. (*Sessional Papers No. 4.*)

On motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Gibson,

Ordered, That the Public Accounts of the Province for the year 1899 be referred to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

The House then adjourned at 12.10 a.m.

Wednesday, 7th March, 1900.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. Davis, the Petition of John F. Lennox, and others, of Stouffville.

By Mr. Whitney, the Petition of the Village Council of Winchester.

By Mr. Duff, the Petition of the Town Council of Collingwood.

By Mr. Leys, two Petitions of the City Council of London.

By Mr. Brown, the Petition of the City Council of Stratford.

By Mr. Pettypiece, the Petition of H. R. Thornton, and others, of Petrolea.

By Mr. Reid (Durham), the Petition of Town Council of Bowmanville.

By Mr. Kribs, the Petition of the Town Council of Rat Portage.

By Mr. Barr, the Petition of H. Ferguson, and others, of Orangeville.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of the City Council of Stratford, praying that an Act may pass to confirm a certain agreement with the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada, relating to the assessment of certain property of the Company.

Of the Town Council of Toronto Junction, praying that an Act may pass to legalize and confirm certain agreements and By-laws, and for other purposes.

Of the Town Council of Harriston, (two petitions), praying certain amendments to the Municipal Act, respecting the manufacture of electric light.

Of L. L. Bennett, and others of Georgetown, praying legislation in the direction of a compulsory inspection of the teeth of school children.

Mr. McKay, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented their Second Report, which was read as follows and adopted :

The Committee have carefully examined the following Petitions, and find the notices as published in each case sufficient :—

Of the County Council of Essex, praying that an Act may pass to legalize and confirm By-law No. 239 of the Town of Leamington and to confirm a certain agreement re natural gas ;

Of Samuel Mather, and others, of Cleveland, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Mineral Railway Company ;

Of Richard Lance, of Watt Township, praying that an Act may pass to cancel and annul certain debentures issued by the Corporations of the Town of Bracebridge and the Township of Stephenson respectively, and to authorize the payment of such monies as may have matured upon the same and to issue new debentures in lieu of those not already matured ;

Of Cyrus Davis Pinel, of Bowmanville, praying that an Act may pass to authorize the College of Dental Surgeons to admit him as a licentiate of Dental Surgery ;

Of W. H. Fisher, of Chatham, praying that an Act may pass enabling him to practise Dentistry ;

Of the County Council of Perth, praying that an Act may pass to re-unite the North and South Ridings of the County for registration purposes ;

Of the Township Council of Portland, praying that an Act may pass to amend the Napanee River Improvement Act, 29 V. c. 84;

Of Messieurs Lever Bros., Limited, praying that an Act may pass to confirm a certain agreement with the City of Toronto, and to legalize By-law No. 3743.

Of the Village Council of Arthur, praying that an Act may pass to consolidate their debt;

Of the Huron and Erie Loan and Savings Company, praying that an Act may pass confirming to the Company certain powers, rights and privileges;

Of the Town Council of Fort William, praying that an Act may pass empowering the Corporation to enter into a certain agreement with W. W. Ogilvie, and for ratification of the same, and for other purposes;

Of Isaac Usher, and others, of Queenston, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Queenston, St. Catharines and Port Dalhousie Electric Railway;

Of the Township Councils of McLean and Ridout, Macaulay, Monck and Bracebridge, and others, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Bracebridge and Trading Lake Railway Company.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 15), intituled "An Act to amend the Acts respecting the Napanee River Improvement Company and provide for the drainage of lands in the Townships of Portland and Camden."—Mr. Gallagher.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 51), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Leamington."—Mr. Auld.
Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 3), intituled "An Act respecting certain debentures of the Town of Bracebridge and the Township of Stephenson."—Mr. Bridgland.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 8), intituled "An Act to enable William Herbert Fisher to practise Dentistry."—Mr. Pardo.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 30), intituled "An Act respecting the Huron and Erie Loan and Savings Company."—Mr. Leys.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 22), intituled "An Act to incorporate the Bracebridge and Trading Lake Railway Company."—Mr. Bridgland.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 2), intituled "An Act to re-unite the North and South Ridings of the County of Perth for the purposes of Registration of Titles."—Mr. Brown.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 28), intituled "An Act to consolidate the Debenture Debt of the Village of Arthur."—Mr. Tucker.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 52), intituled "An Act to validate and confirmed an agreement entered into between the Corporation of the City of Toronto and Lever Bros., Limited; and By-law No. 3743 of said Corporation."—Mr. Foy.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 90), intituled "An Act for the prevention and destruction of certain Noxious Insects."—Mr. Dryden.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Bill (No. 91), intituled "An Act to amend the San José Scale Act."—Mr. Dryden.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Bill (No. 92), intituled "An Act to amend the Pharmacy Act."—Mr. Harcourt.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Bill (No. 93), intituled "An Act to amend the Act to establish Forest Reserves."—**Mr. Davis.**

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Bill (No. 94), intituled "An Act to amend the Act respecting Land Surveyors."—**Mr. Davis.**

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Bill (No. 95), intituled "An Act to amend the Act to preserve the Forests from destruction by Fire."—**Mr. Davis.**

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Bill (No. 96), intituled "An Act to amend the Algonquin National Park Act."—**Mr. Davis.**

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Bill (No. 97), intituled "An Act respecting the manufacture of Spruce and other Pulp Wood, cut on the Crown Domain."—**Mr. Davis.**

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Bill (No. 98), intituled "An Act to amend the Loan Corporations Act."—**Mr. Gibson.**

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Bill (No. 99), intituled "An Act to amend the Act respecting the Law Society of Upper Canada."—**Mr. Gibson.**

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Bill (No. 100), intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Ontario Game Protection Act."—**Mr. Gibson.**

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Bill (No. 116), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act."—**Mr. Barr.**

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Bill (No. 117), intituled "An Act to amend the Assessment Act."—Mr. Barr.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Bill (No. 118), intituled "An Act to amend the County Council Act."—Mr. Smith.
Ordered, that the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

On motion of Mr. Joynt, seconded by Mr. Boyd,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of copies of all correspondence and papers between the License Department and the Inspector or Commissioners of the County of Grenville referring to application for Hotel Licenses in the Village of North Augusta, in the County of Grenville, for the last four years, and all Reports from the Commissioners and Inspector with relation thereto.

On motion of Mr. Marter, seconded by Mr. Whitney,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return shewing :—

1st. The name and salary of each License Inspector in the Province for the year 1899, and the County for which he was appointed.

2nd. The amount allowed each such Inspector for expenses.

3rd. The names of License Commissioners in each License District and the amount of expenses allowed to each in the year 1899.

On motion of Mr. Marter, seconded by Mr. Whitney,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return shewing the names of all persons, firms or companies indebted to the Province on the first day of January, 1900, on account of timber dues, ground rent or bonuses for timber limits; the amount of indebtedness in each case; the balance, if any, due by such persons, firms or companies on the first day of January in each year since 1886, and the total amount of such indebtedness on the first day of January, 1900.

On motion of Mr. McDiarmid, seconded by Mr. Robson,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of copies of all correspondence between the Government or any member thereof, or any official of the Government and the County Crown Attorney of Elgin, or any other person, in connection with the cases of Queen *vs.* Bole and Queen *vs.* Cahill.

On motion of Mr. Matheson, seconded by Mr. Foy,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause to be laid before this House, a Return of copies of all Awards made by the Arbitrators between the Province and the Dominion since January 1st, 1893.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Jamieson,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of copies of all correspondence in connection with the appointment of Donald McNiven, as a fishery officer for Lake Simcoe, together with copies of all reports made by him.

On motion of Mr. Whitney, seconded by Mr. Marter,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return shewing the salary paid to Mr. John Hoskin as Official Guardian. The number and names of the clerks in his office with dates of appointment, and the salary paid by Government to each. Also shewing what other emoluments are received by Mr. Hoskin as such Official Guardian each year, and what amount of other emolument, if any, was so received or earned by Mr. Hoskin for the year 1899 in his capacity as such official guardian.

On motion of Mr. Whitney, seconded by Mr. Marter,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of copies of all correspondence between the Department of the Attorney-General and County Crown Attorney D. J. Donahue, or any person in his office, during the months of April and May, 1899, relating to the West Elgin Election matters.

Mr. Barr moved, seconded by Mr. Hoyle,

That there be laid before this House a Return shewing the number of Lunatics confined in the County Gaols of the Province of Ontario, and the cause why they are not removed to the asylum.

And a Debate having arisen,

The motion was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

Mr. Monteith moved, seconded by Mr. Fox,

That there be laid before this House, a Return shewing the number of vagrants and criminals confined in the County Gaols in counties where Houses of Refuge are established within the Province.

And a Debate arising,

The Motion was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

Mr. Stratton presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor :—

Report upon the Institution for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb, Belleville, for the year ending 30th September, 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 38.*)

Also—Report upon the Lunatic and Idiot Asylums of the Province for the year ending 30th September, 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 34.*)

Also—Report of the Inspection of Liquor Licenses for the year 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 40.*)

The House then adjourned at 4.40 p.m.

Thursday, 8th March, 1900.

PRAYERS.

3 o'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. Gibson, two Petitions of the Village Council of Fergus.

By Mr. Dryden, the Petition of the Town Council of Whitby.

- By Mr. Taylor, the Petition of the Town Council of Parkhill.
By Mr. Loughrin, the Petition of the Town Council of Mattawa.
By Mr. Thompson, the Petition of the Town Council of Barrie.
By Mr. McDiarmid, the Petition of the Town Council of Aylmer; also, the Petition of the City Council of St. Thomas.
By Mr. Beatty (Leeds), the Petition of the Town Council of Gananoque.
By Mr. Beatty (Parry Sound), two Petitions of the Town Council of Parry Sound.
By Mr. Boyd, the Petition of the Town Council of Meaford.
By Mr. Pettypiece, the Petition of the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church, Warwick.
By Mr. Malcolm, the Petition of the Town Council of Kincardine; also, the Petition of the Kincardine Board of Trade.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

- Of the Algoma Commercial Company, Limited, praying that an Act may pass confirming the incorporation of the Company and to increase its power.
Of the Amherstburg Library and Reading Room Association, praying that an Act may pass to convert them into a Public Library, and for other purposes.
Of the Municipality of Neebing, praying that an Act may pass to legalize and confirm certain Assessment Rolls and Tax Sales.
Of the Pacific and Atlantic Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass reviving the Act incorporating them and to extend the time for commencing the road.
Of the Village Council of Fort Erie, praying certain amendments to the Municipal Act respecting the manufacture of electric light.
Of E. Giles, and others, of Brockville, praying legislation in the direction of a compulsory examination of the teeth of school children.

The following Bill was introduced and read the first time:—

- Bill (No. 119) intituled "An Act to amend the Assessment Act."—Mr. Pattullo.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

The Order of the Day for the House to resolve itself into the Committee of Supply, having been read,

- Mr. Ross moved,
That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
And a Debate having ensued, it was
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

Mr. Stratton presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

- Report of the Minister of Education for the year 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 12.*)
Also—Statement as to distribution of the Statutes, Revised and Sessional, for the year 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 52.*)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the seventeenth day of March, 1899, for a Return shewing specifically the nature and amount of each investment now outstanding of the moneys or funds of infants and others in Court, the date when each such investment was made, the rate of interest the same bears, when and how payable, and the security held for each of such investments. (*Sessional Papers No. 53.*)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the sixth day of March, 1900, for a Return of copies of all correspondence in connection with the appointment of Donald McNiven, as a fishery officer for Lake Simcoe, together with copies of all reports made by him. (*Sessional Papers No. 54.*)

The House then adjourned at 6 p.m.

Friday, 9th March, 1900.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. Dryden, the Petition of S. A. Perry, and others, of Wiarton ; also, the Petition of William S. Middleboro, and others, of Owen Sound.

By Mr. Lumsden, two Petitions of the City Council of Ottawa.

By Mr. Crawford, the Petition of A. T. Parker, and others ; also the Petition of K. A. Scarlett, and others ; also, the Petition of M. Parkinson, and others ; also, the Petition of S. Hardy, and others ; also, the Petition of A. Langton, and others ; also, the Petition of A. M. Gray, and others, all of Toronto.

By Mr. Jessop, two Petitions of the City Council of St. Catharines.

By Mr. Barber, the Petition of the County Council of Halton ; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Nelson.

By Mr. Ferguson, the Petition of the County Council of Kent.

By Mr. Brown, the Petition of the City Council of Stratford.

By Mr. Guibord, the Petition of the Town Council of Prescott.

By Mr. Barr, the Petition of the Town Council of Orangeville.

By Mr. Reid (Durham), the Petition of George Haines, and others, of Bowmanville.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of the Town Council of Collingwood, praying that an Act may pass to confirm a certain agreement for the establishment of an iron and steel smelting industry.

Of the City Council of Stratford, praying that an Act may pass to amend 48 Vic. c. 72, incorporating the City, *in re* control of their police.

Of H. Ferguson and others of Orangeville ; also, of John F. Lennox and others of Stouffville ; also, of H. R. Thornton and others of Petrolea, severally praying legislation in the direction of a compulsory inspection of the teeth of school children.

Of the Village Council of Winchester, praying certain amendments to the Municipal Act, respecting the providing for cost of granolithic sidewalks in villages.

Of the City Council of London (two Petitions) ; also, of the Town Council of Ra Portage ; also, of the Town Council of Bowmanville, severally praying certain amendments to the Municipal Act, respecting the manufacture of electric light.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 44), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Fort William, 1900."—
Mr. Conmee.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No 64), intituled "An Act to incorporate the Mineral Railway Company."
—Mr. Beatty (Parry Sound).

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 66), intituled "An Act to enable Cyrus Davis Pinel to practise Dentistry."
—Mr. Reid (Durham.)

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 120), intituled "An Act to amend the Ontario Election Act."—Mr.
Whitney.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

Bill (No. 121), intituled "An Act to amend the Act for the protection of Sheep and
to impose a Tax on Dogs."—Mr. Duff.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Motion "That Mr.
Speaker do now leave the Chair," having been read,

The Debate was resumed,

And, after some time, it was

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned until Tuesday next.

Mr. Stratton presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-
Governor :

Report relating to the Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths, for the year
1898. (*Sessional Papers No. 9.*)

Also—Report of the Inspector of Legal Offices for the year 1899. (*Sessional Papers
No. 30.*)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the seventeenth day of March, 1899, for
a Return showing the total amount of moneys now on deposit in, or subject to, the control
and distribution of the Supreme Court of Judicature for Ontario, or either division
thereof; the style of cause of each action or proceeding in which such moneys have been
so paid in, and the County in which each action or proceeding was commenced as far as
practicable, together with the amount now standing to the credit of each such action or
proceeding; the names of the persons by whom such payments were respectively made,
and on what account, where practicable; the names and last known addresses of the per-
sons entitled thereto, in all cases in which no payment out of Court has been made within
the last ten years, so far as appears by the books and papers in the office of the Account-
ant of the Supreme Court of Judicature for Ontario, and the amounts due to such persons
respectively, so far as appears by the said books. (*Sessional Papers No. 55.*)

The House then adjourned at 4.45 p.m.

Monday, 12th March, 1900.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Dryden, the Petition of the County Council of Ontario.

By Mr. Ferguson, two Petitions of the Town Council of Ridgetown.

By Mr. Foy, the Petition of E. W. Brace, and others, of Toronto.

By Mr. Joynt, the Petition of the Town Council of Prescott.

By Mr. Carpenter, the Petition of the Town Council of Simcoe.

By Mr. Brown, the Petition of the Town Council of Listowel.

By Mr. Preston, the Petition of the City Council of Brantford.

By Mr. Pattullo, the Petition of James H. Armstrong, and others, of Erie City, U.S.A.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of the Trustees of the Watford and Warwick Presbyterian Church, praying that an Act may pass to enable them to sell or lease certain lands.

Of the Town Council of Parkhill; also, of the Town Council of Whitby; also, of the Village Council of Fergus; also, of the Town Council of Barrie; also, of the Town Council of Aylmer; also, of the Town Council of Gananoque; also, of the Town Council of Meaford; also, of the City Council of St. Thomas; also, of the Town Council of Parry Sound; also, of the Town Council of Mattawa, severally praying certain amendments to the Municipal Act, respecting the manufacture of Electric light.

Of the Town Council of Parry Sound; also, of the Town Council of Kincardine; also, of the Kincardine Board of Trade, severally praying that the jurisdiction of the Division Courts may be increased.

Of the Village Council of Fergus, praying certain amendments to the Municipal Act, respecting the providing for cost for granolithic sidewalks in villages.

The following Bill was introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 122), intituled "An Act to amend the Act to regulate travelling on Public Highways and Bridges." Mr. Mutrie.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Wednesday next.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 103), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 105), To amend the Municipal Arbitration Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 109), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 108), To reduce the expense of the Administration of Justice, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

Mr. Stratton presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor :—

Report of the Superintendent of Spraying for the year 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 18.*)

Also—Report of the Inspector of Division Courts for the year 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 29.*)

Also—Report of the Commission of Enquiry concerning the operation of the San José Scale Act, 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 43.*)

Also—Report of the Inspector of Fumigation Appliances for the year 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 44.*)

Also—Regulations *in re* Staking out Locations under Mines Act, in the unsurveyed territory of Ontario. (*Sessional Papers No. 56.*)

The House then adjourned at 4 p.m.

Tuesday, 13th March, 1900.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. Stratton, the Petition of the Town Council of Peterborough.

By Mr. German, the Petition of the Town Council of Welland ; also, the Petition of Thomas H. A. Scott, of Toronto.

By Mr. Eilber, the Petition of the Town Council of Wingham.

By Mr. Marter, the Petition of M. S. Russell, and others, of Toronto.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of George Haines, and others, of Bowmanville, praying that the Bill before the House to enable Cyrus Davis Pinel to practise Dentistry, may become law.

Of the Town Council of Prescott, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm a certain agreement with the Imperial Starch Company.

Of the County Council of Halton ; also, of the County Council of Kent, severally praying certain amendments to the Assessment Act, respecting the assessment of Telegraph and Telephone lines.

Of A. M. Gray, and others ; also, of K. A. Scarlett, and others ; also, of M. Parkinson, and others ; also, of A. Langton, and others ; also, of S. Hardy, and others ; also, of A. T. Barker, and others, all of Toronto, severally praying legislation in the direction of a compulsory inspection of the teeth of school children.

Of the City Council of St. Catharines ; also, of the City Council of Stratford ; also, of the Town Council of Orangeville, severally praying certain amendments to the Municipal Act, respecting the manufacture of electric light.

Of the Township Council of Nelson, praying certain amendments to the Municipal Act, respecting free markets for farm produce.

Of the City Council of Ottawa, praying certain amendments to the Public Health Act, as to distance limit between contagious hospitals and an inhabited dwelling.

Of the City Council of Ottawa, praying legislation in the direction of permitting municipalities to aid in the building of slaughter houses and cattle pens.

Mr. Harcourt, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their First Report which was read as follows and adopted :—

The Committee have carefully considered

Bill (No. 10), "An Act incorporating the Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in Canada," and

Bill (No. 51), "An Act respecting the Town of Leamington," and report the same with amendments respectively.

The Committee recommend that the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill No. 10, on the ground that the Bill relates to a religious institution.

Ordered, That the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 10), Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 123), intituled "An Act respecting Town Councils." Mr. Pattullo.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 124), intituled "An Act allowing municipalities to adopt Proportionate Representation." Mr. Russell.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 125), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Jessop.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 126), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Brower.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 127), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Drainage Act." Mr. Mutrie.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 128), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Pattullo.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 129), intituled "An Act to amend the Agriculture and Arts Act." Mr. Pattullo.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 130), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Pardee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 131), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Mutrie.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 132), intituled "An Act to amend the Public Schools Act." Mr. Tucker.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 133), intituled "An Act to amend the Act respecting Police Magistrates."
Mr. Fox.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 134), intituled "The Provincial Drainage Aid Act." Mr. Ross.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Motion, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair," having been read,

The Debate was resumed,

And, after some time, it was

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned until To-morrow.

Mr. Stratton presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor :—

Report of the Commissioner of Public Works for the year 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 7.*)

Also—Report of the Inspector of Prisons and Reformatories for the year ending 30th September, 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 35.*)

Also—Report upon the Institution for the Education of the Blind, Brantford, for the year ending 30th September, 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 37.*)

Also—Report of the Provincial Municipal Auditor for the year 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 41.*)

Also—Copy of Agreement with the Spanish River Pulp and Paper Company. (*Sessional Papers No. 50.*)

Also—Awards of the Arbitrators on the Unsettled Accounts between the Dominion of Canada and the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec. (*Sessional Papers No. 51.*)

The House then adjourned at 11.30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 14th, 1900.

PRAYERS.

3 o'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. Pyne, the Petition of the Church Wardens of St. James Cathedral, Toronto ; also, the Petition of E. L. Wilson, and others, of Toronto.

By Mr. German, the Petition of S. H. Janes, and others, of Toronto.

By Mr. Graham, the Petition of the Township Council of the Front of Yonge and Escott.

By Mr. Monteith, the Petition of the Town Council of St. Mary's.

By Mr. Lumsden, the Petition of the Ottawa Young Men's Christian Association.

By Mr. Fox, two Petitions of the Town Council of Lindsay.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of the Town Council of Prescott, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm a certain agreement with the Imperial Starch Company, Limited.

Of James H. Armstrong, and others, of Erie City, U. S. A., praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Woodstock, Thames Valley and Ingersoll Electric Railway Company.

Of E. W. Bruce, and others, of Toronto, praying legislation in the direction of a compulsory inspection of the teeth of school children.

Of the County Council of Ontario, praying legislation as to cost of criminal prosecutions in cases where venue changed from one County to another.

Of the Town Council of Ridgetown, praying that the jurisdiction of Division Courts may be increased.

Of the City Council of Brantford ; also, of the Town Council of Listowel ; also, of the Town Council of Simcoe ; also, of the Town Council of Ridgetown, severally praying certain amendments to the Municipal Act, respecting the manufacture of Electric light.

Mr. McKay from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders presented their Third Report which was read as follows and adopted :—

The Committee have carefully examined the following Petitions and find the notices as published in each case sufficient .

Of William Snider, and others, of Waterloo, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Superior and James Bay Railway ;

Of the Amherstburg Library and Reading Room Association, praying that an Act may pass to convert them into a Public Library and for other purposes.

Of the Township Council of Anderdon, praying that an Act may pass to consolidate the floating debt of the Township ;

Of the Town Council of Meaford, praying that an Act may pass to legalize and confirm two certain agreements between the Corporation ; the Botsford Jenks Company of Port Huron, U. S. A., and the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada, and for other purposes ;

Or the Town Council of Collingwood, praying that an Act may pass to legalize and confirm a By-law granting aid to Steel Ship Building Yards ;

Of the Port Stanley Electric Street Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass to amend their Act of incorporation ;

Of the Canada Permanent and Western Canada Mortgage Association, praying that an Act may pass to confirm their Act of incorporation 62 and 63 V. c. 101, Canada.

Of H. H. Beck, and others, of Winnipeg, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Wabigoon, Manitou and Rainy Lake Railway Company;

Of the Town Council of Port Hope, praying that an Act may pass enabling the Corporation to borrow \$20,000, for improvement of Waterworks;

Of the Town Council of Toronto Junction, praying that an Act may pass to legalize and confirm certain agreements and By-laws and for other purposes;

Of the Toronto Suburban Street Railway Company, Limited, praying that an Act may pass to change the name of the Company, and to confirm certain agreements and for other purposes;

Of the City Council of St. Catharines, praying that an Act may pass empowering the Corporation to acquire water privileges and lands within certain limits and for other purposes;

Of the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada, praying that an Act may pass to confirm a certain agreement with the City of Stratford, relating to assessment of property of the Company in the City;

Of the Town Council of Wingham, praying that an Act may pass to authorize the Corporation to submit a By-law empowering the Town to borrow money in aid of manufacturers;

Of the Town Council of Barrie, praying that an Act may pass to confirm a certain agreement with the Barrie Tanning Company, Limited;

Of the Pontiac and Pacific Junction Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass to legalize and confirm a certain By law of the City of Ottawa respecting a certain Bridge;

Of the Town Council of Arnprior, praying that an Act may pass to legalize and confirm By-law No. 138 and the agreement made thereunder exempting certain property of McLachlin Brothers from taxation;

Of R. J. Robertson, and others, of Ingersoll, praying that an Act may pass to revive and extend the Act of incorporation of Ingersoll Electric Railway Company;

Of W. H. Holland, and others, of Algoma, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the building of a Railway through the Township of Denison to the Stobie branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway;

Of the Rector and Church Wardens of St. George's Cathedral Church, Kingston, praying that an Act may pass to amend 60 Vic. Cap. 102 and to authorize the Church to borrow \$50,000 on mortgage;

Of the Town Council of Smith's Falls, praying that an Act may pass permitting the Corporation to pass a By-law to amend By-law No. 485 and for other purposes;

Of Theodore Horatio Eaton and others of Detroit, U.S.A., praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Nepigon Lands Company;

Of Rinaldo McConnell and others of Mattawa, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Nickel Belt Railway Company;

Of The Manitoulin and North Shore Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass empowering the Company to lay out and build a railway from Little Current to Meaford ;

Of the Metropolitan Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass to run its cars over the tracks of the Toronto Railway for purpose of passenger and other traffic ;

Of the City Council of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm a certain agreement with Lever Brothers, to ratify the opening of Victoria Street South and to validate certain By-laws and for other purposes ;

Of the Ontario Belmont and Northern Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass to extend the time for the building and completion of the road ;

Of the Central Canada Loan and Savings Company, praying that an Act may pass to confirm a certain conveyance and assignment ;

Of Alexander Jarvis McComber of Port Arthur, praying that an Act may pass to authorize the Law Society of Upper Canada to admit him to practise as a Solicitor ;

The Committee recommend that Rule No. 51 of this Honourable House be suspended in this, that the time for presenting Petitions for Private Bills, and the time for introducing Private Bills to this Honourable House be severally extended until and inclusive of Wednesday the twenty-first of March, instant.

Mr. McKay, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented their Fourth Report, which was read as follows and adopted :—

The Committee have carefully examined the Petition of the Town Council of Port Arthur, praying that an Act may pass to legalize and confirm a certain By-law exempting certain property from municipal taxation and for other purposes, and find that notice of the proposed application to this Legislature has appeared during the space of six weeks in the " Ontario Gazette " and in the Port Arthur " Evening Chronicle ";

The Committee also find that the Petition, among other things, asks for certain powers with regard to a change in the number of the Electric Railway and Light Commissioners,—for the substitution of gravel or other similar walks for such of the sidewalks of the Town as it may be considered inadvisable to repair and to pay the costs thereof out of the general funds of the municipality, and to empower the Town to pass a By-law to develop the water power of Current River and to issue debentures to an amount not exceeding \$10,000 for such purpose, of which no notice appears ;

The Committee are of the opinion that the public should have had notice of these matters, and therefore recommend that the same be eliminated from the Bill, Respecting the Town of Port Arthur, when the same comes before the Private Bills Committee.

Mr. McKay, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented their Fifth Report which was read as follows and adopted :—

The Committee have carefully examined the Petition of the Town Council of Ool-lingwood, praying that an Act may pass to confirm a certain Agreement for the establishment of an iron and steel smelting industry and find that notice of the proposed application to this Legislature was first inserted in the " Ontario Gazette " on the 10th day

of March instant and a declaration has been filed shewing that the notice will also appear in the next five succeeding issues of that paper ; that said notice also appeared in the issues of The " Collingwood Bulletin " on the 2nd and 9th days of March instant and a declaration fyled before the Committee states that instructions have been given for the insertion of the said notice in the four next successive issues of the said paper ;

The Declaration also states " that the By-law which it is sought to legalize is to be " voted upon by the ratepayers of Collingwood on the 30th day of March, A.D. 1900, " and such By-law has been published in full in the Collingwood " Enterprise " a news- " paper printed and published weekly at the said Town of Collingwood, in the issue of " March 8th and such by-law will continue to be so published weekly in the said news- " paper for four successive issues until the same has been voted upon."

The Committee are also credibly informed that this matter has been generally discussed among the ratepayers of the said Town ; the Committee, considering that all parties interested have had an opportunity of becoming acquainted with the proposed legislation, would recommend the suspension of the Rule in this case and that the notices as published be held sufficient.

Mr. Harcourt, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Second Report, which was read as follows and adopted :—

The Committee have carefully considered

Bill (No. 37), " An Act respecting the Davenport Methodist Church Burying Ground," and have amended the preamble to the Bill so as to make it conform with the facts as they appear to the Committee.

The Committee recommend that the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on the said Bill (No. 37), on the ground that the same relates to a religious institution.

The Committee also recommend that the time for presenting Petitions and for introducing Private Bills, be extended until and inclusive of Wednesday, the twenty-first day of March, instant.

Ordered, That the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 37), Davenport Church Burial Ground.

Ordered, That the time for presenting Petitions for Private Bills, and for introducing Private Bills, be further extended until and inclusive of Wednesday, the twenty-first day of March, instant.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 67), intituled " An Act respecting the Metropolitan Railway Company." Mr. German.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 74), intituled " An Act to incorporate the Superior and James Bay Railway Company." Mr. Carpenter.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 58), intituled " An Act respecting an agreement between the City of Stratford and the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada." Mr. Brown.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 43), intituled "An Act respecting the Manitoulin and North Shore Railway Company." Mr. Farwell.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 39), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Wingham." Mr. Eilber.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 18), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Meaford." Mr. Boyd.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 56), intituled "An Act to confirm a certain By-law and agreement of the Town of Arnprior." Mr. Lumsden.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 57), intituled "An Act respecting By-laws Nos. 1458, 1628, 1707 and 1973 of the City of Ottawa." Mr. Lumsden.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 77), intituled "An Act to authorize the Supreme Court of Judicature for Ontario, to admit Alexander Jarvis McComber to practise in said Court as a Solicitor." Mr. Conmee.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 50), intituled "An Act respecting By-law No. —— of the Town of Barrie." Mr. Thompson.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 55), intituled "An Act to incorporate the Wabigoon, Manitou and Rainy Lake Railway Company." Mr. Conmee.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 63), intituled "An Act respecting the Central Canada Loan and Savings Company." Mr. Pardée.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 40), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Port Arthur." Mr. Conmee.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 7), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Toronto Junction." Mr. Hill.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 53), intituled "An Act respecting the Toronto Suburban Street Railway Company, Limited." Mr. Hill.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 70), intituled "An Act to consolidate the floating debt of the Township of Anderdon." Mr. Auld.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 75), intituled "An Act respecting the Ontario, Belmont and Northern Railway Company." Mr. Russell.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 32), intituled "An Act to revive, extend and amend an Act to incorporate the Ingersoll Radial Electric Railway Company." Mr. McKay.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 27), intituled "An Act respecting the Port Stanley Electric Street Railway Company, Limited." Mr. Brower.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 49), intituled "An Act to amend an Act, authorizing the issue of debentures by St. George's Cathedral Church, Kingston." Mr. Harty.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 62), intituled "An Act to incorporate the Victoria Mines Railway Company." Mr. Loughrin.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 69), intituled "An Act to incorporate the Nickel Belt Railway." Mr. Loughrin.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 135), intituled "An Act to amend the Voters' Lists Act." Mr. Pattullo.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Bill (No. 136), intituled "An Act relating to Medical Colleges and Schools in affiliation with the University of Toronto." Mr. McKay.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Bill (No. 137), intituled "An Act to provide for the incorporation of co-operative Cold Storage Associations." Mr. Dryden.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Mr. Barr moved, seconded by Mr. Hoyle,

That there be laid before this House, a Return of copies of all correspondence between any member of the Government, or official thereof, and any party or parties, respecting the leasing of any of the Lakes in Ontario for fishing in, by net or otherwise.

And a Debate having ensued, the Motion was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. Hoyle, seconded by Mr. Barr,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return shewing :—

The number and dates and places of sittings of the county and districts Courts, and Courts of General Sessions of the Peace, Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol delivery and of the High Court of Justice, respectively, held in the various county and district towns of the Province, during the years 1895 to 1899, both inclusive :—

(a) At which there has been no business to be tried before the petit jury,—

(b) At which there has been no action, matter or other proceeding to be tried by a judge without a jury,—

(c) At which there have been no indictments laid before the Grand Jury.

Mr. Pattullo moved, seconded by Mr. Lumsden,

That this House views with disfavor the tendency which has existed for many years past toward undue rivalry between municipalities in offering bonuses, loans or other aids to manufacturing concerns, to secure their establishment or retention.

That this House is further of the opinion that the action of the Legislature in 1892 (when, by an amendment to the Municipal Act, the power of municipalities to grant bonuses to manufacturers was taken away) was entirely in harmony with public opinion and in the public interest.

And further, that this House views with disfavor the growing tendency which has been seen during recent Sessions to evade the letter and spirit of the present law by special legislation, the effect of which is to favor the particular municipalities securing it. And, that, in the opinion of this House, the law as it exists to-day should be maintained, and no further Private Bills passed giving special power to particular municipalities to grant bonuses or other aids to manufacturing concerns, when such power is not possessed by all the municipalities of the Province under the general law.

And a Debate having arisen it was,

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

The following Bills were severally read the second time :—

Bill (No. 102), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 104), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 111), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 107), to amend the Assessment Act, having been read,

Mr. Barr moved,

That the Bill be now read the second time.

And the motion, having been put, was lost on a division.

And so it was declared in the negative.

The House then adjourned at 6 p.m.

Thursday, 15th March, 1900.

PAYERS.

3 o'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. Brower, the Petition of R. N. Price, and others, of St. Thomas.

By Mr. Crawford, the Petition of S. Polley, and others, of Toronto.

By Mr. Carscallen, the Petition of the Hamilton Trades and Labour Council.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of the Town Council of Peterborough, praying that an Act may pass to confirm a certain By-law to grant additional exemption to the Canadian General Electric Company, Limited.

Of the Town Council of Welland, praying that an Act may pass to extend the corporate limits of the town, and for other purposes.

Of M. S. Russell, and others, of Toronto, praying for legislation in the direction of a compulsory inspection of the teeth of school children.

Of the Town Council of Wingham, praying certain amendments to the Municipal Act, respecting the manufacture of Electric light.

Of Thomas H. A. Scott, of Peterborough, praying that a Select Committee of the Legislature be appointed to enquire into and report upon certain alleged frauds committed by one William A. Scott.

Mr. Harcourt, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Third Report which was read as follows and adopted :—

The Committee have carefully considered

Bill (No. 17), "An Act relating to St. George's Church, Ottawa," and report the same without amendment.

The Committee have also considered

Bill (No. 4), "An Act to confirm By-law number 354 of the Town of Durham, and a certain agreement entered into between the said Town and 'The Durham Furniture Company, Limited.'"

Bill (No. 28), "An Act to consolidate the debenture debt of the Village of Arthur," and

Bill (No. 25), "An Act respecting the Corporation of the Town of Preston," and have made certain amendments thereto respectively.

The Committee recommend that the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 17), on the ground that the same relates to a religious institution.

Ordered, That the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 17), St. George's Church, Ottawa.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 35), intituled "An Act to confirm and legalize a By-law and Agreement of the Corporation of the Town of Collingwood." Mr. Duff.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 26), intituled "An Act to incorporate the Queenston, St. Catharines and Port Dalhousie Electric Railway." Mr. Jessop.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 38), intituled "An Act respecting the City of St. Catharines." Mr. Jessop.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Motion, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair," having been read,

The Debate was resumed,

And, after some time,

Mr. Jessop moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. Morrison,

That all the words in the Motion after the word "That" be struck out and the following substituted therefor : "In the opinion of this House, the evidence given at the trial of the West Elgin Petition on the 26th day of June, 1899, and the statement made by the Judges in their Report, dated 15th August, 1899, together with the fact that the said Judges ordered the costs of the Petitioners to be paid by Dugald Brown, the Returning Officer at said election and Donald Macnish, a candidate at said election, call for the dismissal by the Government of the said Dugald Brown from his office of Sheriff of the County of Elgin."

And a Debate having ensued, it was

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

Mr. Stratton presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor :—

Report of the Superintendent of Neglected and Dependent Children of Ontario for the year 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 39.*)

Also—Report on Tenders for Departmental and Legislative Printing and Binding, and Contract with Warwick Bro's & Rutter. (*Sessional Papers No. 57.*)

The House then adjourned at 6 p.m.

Friday, 16th March, 1900.

PRAYERS.

3 o'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Speaker informed the House,

That the Clerk had received from the Judges appointed to enquire into and report on Estate Bills, their Report in the following case :—

The undersigned Commissioners of Estate Bills beg leave to report upon Bill (No. 6), "An Act respecting the estate of the late Charlotte Elmsley," as follows :

The relief asked from the Legislature by this Bill may be obtained under the provisions of the general law respecting settled estates (R. S. Ont., Cap. 71), but the present special Act is sought for reasons stated in the letter of the Solicitor of the Petitioner to the effect that the estate is a large one consisting of numerous parcels of vacant land in respect of which a separate application would require to be made as each opportunity occurred for the profitable improvement of each parcel, and that this would make it very expensive, besides causing more or less delay and uncertainty in dealing with intending lessees.

Assuming that these and other allegations set forth in the preamble are proved to the satisfaction of the House, and commend themselves as sufficient reasons for acceding to the Petition, the Commissioners are of opinion that the Bill is aptly framed to answer the purposes therein provided for.

J. A. BOYD, C
THOMAS FERGUSON, J.

Osgoode Hall, 15th March, 1900.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 6), respecting the Estate of the late Charlotte Elmsley, be referred to the Committee on Private Bills with instructions to consider the same with reference to the suggestions of the Commissioners of Estate Bills thereon.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. Brown, the Petition of the City Council of Stratford.

By Mr. Douglas, the Petition of the Village Council of Hastings.

By Mr. Mutrie, the Petition of Samuel Carter, and others, of Guelph.

By Mr. Monteith, the Petition of W. H. Lucas, and others, of St. Thomas.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of the Ottawa Young Men's Christian Association, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate them.

Of S. H. Janes, and others, of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Toronto Elevated Railway Company.

Of the Church Wardens, of St. James Cathedral, Toronto, praying that an Act may pass to declare intention and true meaning of section 2, 41 Vic. c. 69 Ontario, *in re* payment of \$5,000 to the Rectory.

Of E. L. Wilson, and others, of Toronto, praying legislation in the direction of a compulsory inspection of the teeth of school children.

Of the Township Council of the Front of Yonge and Escott, praying that the jurisdiction of the Division Courts may be increased.

Of the Town Council of Lindsay ; also, of the Town Council of St. Marys, severally praying certain amendments to the Municipal Act, respecting the manufacture of Electric light.

Of the Town Council of Lindsay, praying legislation regulating the width of wagon tires.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 138), intituled "An Act to amend the Liquor License Act."—Mr. German.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

Bill (No. 139), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act."—Mr. Graham.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

Bill (No. 140), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act."—Mr. Malcolm.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

Bill (No. 141), intituled "An Act to amend the Liquor License Act."—Mr. Lucas.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

Bill (No. 142), intituled "An Act to regulate the width of Wagon Tires."—Mr. Fox.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

Bill (No. 143), intituled "An Act to amend the Ontario Companies Act."—Mr. Hill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

Bill (No. 144), intituled "An Act for preserving to Canadian Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and Men, now serving Her Majesty in South Africa, their rights of Franchise in Ontario."—Mr. Gibson.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

Bill (No. 145), intituled "The Succession Duties Act, 1900."—Mr. Ross.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

Bill (No. 146), intituled "An Act to authorize Municipal Grants for the benefit of Canadians on Military Service in South Africa."—Mr. Gibson.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

Bill (No. 147), intituled "An Act to amend the Mortgagor's Relief Act."—Mr. Pyne.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

Mr. Barr moved, seconded by Mr. Allen,

That there be laid before this House a Return of copies of all correspondence between any member of the Government, or official thereof, and any party or parties, respecting the prevention of Tuberculosis

And a Debate having arisen,

The Motion was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. Pyne, seconded by Mr. Wardell,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return stating the number of hours female *employés* in factories have to work each day. Also, the minimum amount of wages paid *per day* to any female *employee* under the Factory Act. Also, whether separate sanitary conveniences are supplied where male and female *employees* are working, under the Factory Act. And shewing as well what system of Government inspection the factories are now under.

On motion of Mr. McLaughlin, seconded by Mr. Wardell,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of copies of all correspondence in connection with the appointment of Frederick Warren as Division Court Clerk in the Township of Osnabruck in the County of Stormont.

Mr. McLaughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Wardell,

That there be laid before this House a Return of copies of all correspondence in connection with the appointment of two license inspectors in the County of Stormont.

And a Debate ensuing,

The motion was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 106), To amend the Drainage Act, 1894, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

Mr. Stratton presented to the House by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor :—

Copy of Order-in-Council directing the payment of surplus Surrogate fees to His Honour Judge Doyle. (*Sessional Papers No 58*)

The House then adjourned at 5.15 p m.

Monday, 19th March, 1900.

PRAYERS.

3 o'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. Burt, the Petition of the County Council of Brant.

By Mr. Pattullo, the Petition of the Town Council of Woodstock.

By Mr. Preston, the Petition of W. J. Curson, and others, of Brantford.

By Mr. McKee, the Petition of the Town Council of Walkerville.

By Mr. Conmee, the Petition of William Roger Pringle, of Port Arthur.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of L. Polley, and others, of Toronto, praying legislation in the direction of a compulsory inspection of the teeth of school children.

Of R. N. Price, and others, of St. Thomas ; also, of the Hamilton Trades and Labour Council, severally praying for the adoption of the Hare-Spence System of Voting at Municipal Elections.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 148), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act."—Mr. Foy.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Wednesday next.

Bill (No. 149), intituled "An Act to amend the Assessment Act."—Mr. Foy.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Wednesday next.

The following Bills were severally read the second time :—

Bill (No. 10), Incorporating the Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 51), Respecting the Town of Leamington.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 37), Respecting the Davenport Methodist Church Burying Grounds.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 17), Respecting St. George's Church, Ottawa.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 28), To consolidate the debenture debt of the Village of Arthur.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Carnegie, seconded by Mr. Reid (Addington),

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of copies of all correspondence between any member of the Government and any official thereof relating to the distribution of the Statutes.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 101), To amend the Local Courts Act, having been read,

Mr. Hoyle moved,

That the Bill be now read the second time.

And a Debate having arisen,

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.

The House then adjourned at 4.20 p. m.

Tuesday, March 20th, 1900.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of the City Council of Stratford, praying that an Act may pass empowering the Corporation to pass a by-law in aid of rebuilding a certain factory.

Of the Village Council of Hastings, praying certain amendments to the Municipal Act, respecting the providing for cost of granolithic sidewalks in Villages.

Of W. H. Lucas, and others, of St. Thomas ; also, of Samuel Carter, and others, of Guelph, severally praying for the adoption of the Hare-Spence system of voting in municipalities.

Mr. Harcourt, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Fourth Report which was read as follows and adopted :—

The Committee have carefully considered

Bill (No. 63), "An Act respecting the Central Canada Loan and Savings Company," and have made certain amendments thereto.

The Committee have also considered

Bill (No. 6), "An Act respecting the Estate of the late Charlotte Elmsley," and report the same in conformity with the suggestions of the Commissioners of Estate Bills.

The Committee have also considered

Bill (No. 49), "An Act to amend an Act authorizing the issue of debentures by St. George's Cathedral Church, Kingston," and report the same without amendment.

The Committee recommend that the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 49), on the ground that the same relates to a religious institution.

The Committee recommend that Rule No. 51 of this Honourable House be suspended in this, that the time for receiving Reports from the Standing Committees on Private Bills and Railways be extended until and inclusive of Tuesday the 3rd day of April next.

Ordered, That the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 49). St. George's Cathedral Church, Kingston.

Ordered, That the time for presenting reports from Private Bills and Railways be extended until and inclusive of Tuesday the third day of April next.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 31), intituled "An Act to authorize the Town of Port Hope to raise money for waterworks purposes"—Mr. Fallis.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 41), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Lindsay and the Lindsay Waterworks."—Mr. Fox.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 71), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Smith's Falls."—Mr. Matheson.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 19), intituled "An Act respecting the City of Toronto."—Mr. Marter.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 150), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act."—Mr. Pardee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 151), intituled "An Act respecting Building Societies and Loan Corporations."—Mr. Carscallen.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 152), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act."—Mr. Brown.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 153), intituled "An Act respecting the Barberry Shrub."—Mr. Taylor.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 154), intituled "An Act to amend the Assessment Act."—Mr. McKay.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Stratton,

Resolved, That this House declares its opinion that the interests of the Nickel and Copper industries of this Province demand that the Letters Patent granted by the Government of the Dominion of Canada to the Orford Copper Company of New York in 1893, and now in use by that Company in the State of New Jersey for refining matte of the nickel and copper ores of the Sudbury District of the Province of Ontario, should not be revived or renewed as is proposed by the Bill now before the Parliament of Canada providing for the revival of the said Letters Patent, and for the renewing and extension of the powers and privileges conferred thereby, but that the provisions of the patent laws of the Dominion shall be allowed to take effect and the said process heretofore covered by the said patent rendered available to all persons desirous of using the same for the refining of nickel or copper ores or the mattes thereof in the Dominion of Canada—the said process though patented in Canada having never been operated therein and no attempt having been made by the owners of the patent to apply it within the limits of Canada to the said ores or mattes, and the said patent having by operation of the patent laws of Canada been null and void for non-use for a period of more than four years.

And this House further approves of a Petition to the Dominion Parliament being presented under the hand of the Speaker of this House, respectfully protesting against the said proposed legislation.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Motion, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair," and the Amendment proposed thereto, having been read,

The Debate was resumed,

And, after some time,

The Amendment having been put, was lost on the following division :—

YEAS.

Messieurs :

Allen	Duff	Kidd	McLaughlin
Barr	Eilber	Kribs	Powell
Beatty (Leeds)	Fallis	Little	Pyne
Boyd	Foy	Marter	Reid (Addington)
Brower	Fox	Matheson	Reid (Durham)
Carnegie	Gallagher	Miscampbell	Tucker
Carscallen	Hoyle	Monteith	Wardell
Colquhoun	Jamieson	Morrison	Whitney—38
Crawford	Jessop	McDiarmid	
Dempsey	Joynt	McDonald	

NAYS.

Messieurs :

Auld	Davis	Hill	Pattullo
Aylsworth	Dickenson	Hislop	Pettypiece
Barber	Douglas	Holmes	Preston
Beatty (Parry Sound)	Dryden	Latchford	Ross
Bleizard	Farwell	Loughrin	Russell
Bowman	Ferguson	Lumsden	Smith
Bridgland	German	Malcolm	Stratton
Brown	Gibson	Mutrie	Taylor
Burt	Graham	McKay	Truax—45.
Carpenter	Guibord	McKee	
Clarke	Harcourt	Pardee	
Conmee	Harty	Pardo	

PAIRS.

Leys	.....	.....	.....	Thompson.
Caldwell	.....	.....	.....	White.
Charlton	.....	.....	.....	Robson.
Richardson	.....	.....	.....	Lucas.

The Main Motion, having been then again put, was carried on the following division :—

YEAS.

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Carnegie	Gallagher	Miscampbell	Tucker
Carscallen	Hoyle	Monteith	Wardell
Colquhoun	Jamieson	Morrison	Whitney—38.
Crawford	Jessop	McDiarmid	
Dempsey	Joynt	McDonald	

PAIRS.

Leys .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Thompson.
Caldwell .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	White.
Charlton .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Robson.
Richardson .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Lucas.

And the House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty, for the services of 1900, the following sums :—

1. To defray the expenses of the Lieutenant Governor's Office \$ 3,805 00

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. McKay reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution ; also, that the Committee had directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 11 p.m.

Wednesday, March 21st, 1900.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. German, the Petition of the Fort Erie Ferry Railway Company.

By Mr. Crawford, the Petition of the City Council of Toronto.

By Mr. Smith, the Petition of R. H. Cook, and others, of Malton.

By Mr. Joynt, the Petition of the Brockville and Prescott Joint Stock Road Company.

By Mr. McKay, two Petitions of the Town Council of Tilsonburg.

By Mr. Tucker, the Petition of the Town Council of Palmerston.

By Mr. Stratton, the Petition of the Town Council of Rat Portage.

By Mr. Loughrin, the Petition of the Sudbury and Nipissing Railway Company.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of William Roger Pringle, of Port Arthur, praying that an Act may pass authorizing him to practise medicine, surgery and midwifery, without incurring liability under Medical Act, and to authorize Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons to admit him to practise.

Of W. J. Curzon, and others, of Brantford, praying legislation in the direction of a compulsory inspection of the teeth of school children.

Of the Town Council of Walkerville ; also, of the Town Council of Woodstock, severally praying certain amendments to the Municipal Act, respecting the manufacture of electric light.

Of the County Council of Brant, praying certain amendments to the Municipal Act, respecting the conviction of horse thieves.

Mr. McKay, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented their Sixth Report, which was read as follows and adopted :—

The Committee have carefully examined the following petitions and find the notices as published in each case sufficient :

Of Nicholas Sparks and others of Ottawa, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Ottawa and Dundas Electric Railway Company ;

Of the Welland Hotel and Sanitarium Company, Limited, praying that an Act may pass to legalize and confirm By-law No. 1254 of the City of St. Catharines ;

Of the Town Council of Wiarton, praying that an Act may pass to legalize and confirm By-law No. 127, for the promotion of Beet Sugar Manufacture ;

Of the Hamilton Radial Electric Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass extending the time for the building and completion of the Company's road ;

Of the Nickel Copper Company of Ontario, Limited, praying that an Act may pass to confirm its incorporation ;

Of the Church Wardens of St. James Cathedral, Toronto, praying that an Act may pass to declare intention and true meaning of Sec. 2—41 Vic. c. 69, Ontario ;

Of the City Council of Windsor, praying that an Act may pass to legalize and confirm By-law No. 982, providing for permanent improvements ;

Of James A. Armstrong of Erie City, U.S.A., praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Woodstock, Thames Valley and Ingersoll Electric Railway Company ;

Of the Town Council of Strathroy, praying that an Act may pass to remove doubts as to the powers and rights of the corporation to pay a bonus of \$6,500 to Charles S. Paine ;

Of the Town Council of Kincardine, praying that an Act may pass to legalize and confirm a certain By-law in aid of a pork packing establishment ;

Of the Town Council of Welland, praying that an Act may pass to extend the corporate limits of the Town and for other purposes ;

Of the Town Council of Peterborough, praying that an Act may pass to confirm a By-law to grant additional exemption to the Canadian General Electric Company, Limited ;

Of the City Council of Ottawa, praying that an Act may pass to reduce the number of Aldermen to be elected in each ward to two, extending term of Office to two years and for other purposes ;

Of the City Council of Ottawa and the New York Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass to legalize and confirm By-law 1974 extending the time for compliance by the Ottawa and New York Railway Company with the conditions of By-law No. 1797 ;

Of the Town Council of Listowel, praying that an Act may pass enabling the Corporation to enter into a certain agreement and for other purposes ;

Of the Town Council of Milton, praying that an Act may pass to authorize the corporation to loan \$10,000 in aid of a carpet factory and to exempt the same from taxation for twenty years ;

Of the Town Council of Prescott, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm a certain agreement with the Imperial Starch Company ;

Of the Trustees of the Watford and Warwick Presbyterian Church, praying that an Act may pass to enable the Trustees to sell or lease certain lands ;

Of the City Council of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass to enable the publication of certain letters written by William Laidlaw *et al* to William McKenzie and others, disclosing certain information regarding the Franchise of the Toronto and Montreal Street Railways and for other purposes ;

Of the Municipality of Shuniah, praying that an Act may pass to legalize and confirm Assessment Rolls and Tax Sales ;

Of the Village Council of Tottenham, praying that an Act may pass to legalize and confirm By-law No. 115 granting aid to build and equip a furniture factory.

The Committee recommend that Rule No. 51 of this Honourable House be suspended in this, that the time for introducing Private Bills to this Honourable House be extended until and inclusive of Wednesday the twenty-eighth of March, instant.

Mr. McKay, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders presented their Seventh Report, which was read as follows and adopted :—

The Committee have carefully examined the Petition of the City Council of London, praying that an Act may pass to validate certain By-laws relating to sewers and sidewalks, and for other purposes, and find that notice of the proposed application to this Legislature has been inserted for the space of six weeks in the " Ontario Gazette " and in a local paper as required by the Rules of this Honourable House.

The Committee also find that certain matters prayed for in paragraphs 9, 10, 11 and 12 of the Petition relating to the election and qualification of the members of the Board of Education of the City of London, the election of Water Commissioners and the constitution of the Board of Commissioners of Police for said City, are not mentioned in the notice.

The Committee therefore recommend that said matters be eliminated from the Bill respecting the City of London when the same comes before the Private Bills Committee.

Mr. McKay, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented their Eighth Report, which was read as follows and adopted :—

The Committee have carefully examined the Petition of S. H. Janes, and others, of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Toronto Elevated Railway Company, and find that notice of the proposed application to this Legislature has been published a sufficient length of time in The " Peel Banner," The " Whitby Chronicle," The " Milton Reformer," The " Toronto World," and The " Leader and Recorder," said newspapers being published in the Counties of Peel, Ontario, Halton and York.

The Committee also find that the Petition asks for power to construct and operate a system of elevated railways in the City of Toronto, and adjoining municipalities, and also in conjunction therewith a system of surface street railways in the City of Toronto and other municipalities within a radius of thirty miles of the said City.

The Committee are of the opinion that said radius would include portions of other counties than those in which said notices have been published and would therefore recommend that the attention of the Railway Committee be directed to this matter so that the operations of the proposed company be limited to the Counties in which notice has been given.

Mr. Harcourt, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Fifth Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

The Committee have carefully considered

Bill (No. 5), "An Act to consolidate the debt of the Township of Sheffield."

Bill (No. 16), "An Act respecting the Town of Dunnville."

Bill (No. 1), "An Act to consolidate the floating debt of the Town of Sudbury."

Bill (No. 18), "An Act respecting the Town of Meaford."

Bill (No. 44), "An Act respecting the Town of Fort William," and

Bill (No. 58), "An Act respecting an agreement between the City of Stratford and the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada."

and have made certain amendments thereto respectively.

The Committee have also amended the preambles to Bills Nos. 5, 16, 1, 18, 44 and 58, respectively, so as to make them conform with the facts as they appear to the Committee.

The Committee recommend that Rule 51 of this Honourable House be further suspended in this, that the time for introducing Private Bills, be extended until and inclusive of Wednesday the 28th day of March, instant.

Mr. Graham from the Standing Committee on Printing presented their First Report which was read as follows:—

The Committee recommend that the following Documents be printed:—

Public Accounts of the Province of Ontario for the year 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 1.*)

Estimates for the year 1900. (*Sessional Paper No. 2.*)

Report of the Royal Commission on the Financial Position of the Province. (*Sessional Paper No. 4.*)

Report of the Commissioner of Public Works for the year 1899. (*Sessional Paper No. 7.*)

Report relating to the Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths for the year 1898. (*Sessional Paper No. 9.*)

Report of the Minister of Education for 1899. (*Sessional Paper No. 12.*)

Report of the Superintendent of Spraying for 1899. (*Sessional Paper No. 18.*)

Report of the Inspector of Division Courts for the year 1899. (*Sessional Paper No. 29.*)

Report of the Inspector of Legal Offices for the year 1899. (*Sessional Paper No. 30.*)

Report of the Inspector of Prisons and Public Charities upon the Lunatic and Idiot Asylums of Ontario, 1899. (*Sessional Paper No. 34.*)

Report of the Inspector of Prisons and Reformatories for 1899. (*Sessional Paper No. 35.*)

Report of the Inspector of Prisons and Public Charities on the Institution for the Education of the Blind at Brantford for 1899. (*Sessional Paper No. 37.*)

Report of the Inspector of Prisons and Public Charities upon the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb at Belleville for 1899. (*Sessional Paper No. 38.*)

Report of the Superintendent of Neglected and Dependent Children of Ontario for the year 1899. (*Sessional Paper No. 39.*)

Report of the Inspector of Liquor Licenses for the year 1899. (*Sessional Paper No. 40.*)

Report of the Provincial Municipal Auditor for the year 1899. (*Sessional Paper No. 41.*)

Return from the Records since the General Elections. (*Sessional Paper No. 42.*)

Report of the Commission of Enquiry *re* San José Scale Act, 1899. (*Sessional Paper No. 43.*)

Report of the Inspector of Fumigation Appliances for the year 1899. (*Sessional Paper No. 44.*)

Copy of an Order-in-Council *re* Commission appointed to enquire into West Elgin election. (*Sessional Paper No. 46.*)

Copy of a Commission appointing Messrs. Hoskin, Walker and Kirkland, Commissioners to enquire into the financial affairs of the Province. (*Sessional Paper No. 47.*)

Agreement between Her Majesty and the Spanish River Pulp & Paper Co. (*Sessional Paper No. 50.*)

Awards of the Arbitrators on the unsettled accounts between the Dominion of Canada and the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec. (*Sessional Paper No. 51.*)

Regulations *re* Staking out Locations under the Mines Act in the unsurveyed territory of Ontario. (*Sessional Paper No. 56.*)

Report on Tenders for Departmental and Legislative Printing and Binding and contract with Warwick Bros. & Rutter. (*Sessional Paper No. 57.*)

The Committee recommend that the following documents be not printed:—

Report of the Librarian of the Legislative Assembly for the year 1899. (*Sessional Paper No. 45.*)

Return of correspondence respecting the appointment of Donald McNiven as Fishery Officer for Lake Simcoe. (*Sessional Paper No. 54.*)

Copy of Order-in-Council respecting the payment of fees to His Honor Judge Doyle. (*Sessional Paper No. 58.*)

Report *re* distribution of Statutes. (*Sessional Paper No. 52.*)

Return showing total amount of money subject to control of Supreme Court of Judicature. (*Sessional Paper No. 55.*)

The Committee recommend that there be purchased the following publications for distribution to the members of the Legislative Assembly, "Lieutenant-Governors of the Province of Ontario," 100 copies; "Pioneers of Blanchard," 100 copies; "Truth about the Transvaal," 100 copies; "The Poems of Archibald Lampman," 100 copies.

Resolved, That this House doth concur in the First Report of the Committee on Printing.

Ordered, That the time for introducing Private Bills be further extended until and inclusive of Wednesday the twenty-eighth day of March instant.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 24), intituled "An Act to confirm By-law No. 115 of the Village of Tottenham" Mr. Little.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 12), intituled "An Act respecting By-law 127 of the Town of Wiarton." Mr. Bowman.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 87), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Collingwood." Mr. Duff. Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 59), intituled "An Act respecting the Hamilton Radial Electric Railway Company." Mr. Carscallen.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 85), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Prescott and the Imperial Starch Company, Limited." Mr. Joynt.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 34), intituled "An Act to incorporate the Woodstock, Thames Valley and Ingersoll Electric Railway Company." Mr. Pattullo.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 60), intituled "An Act respecting the Nickel Copper Company of Ontario, Limited." Mr. Dickenson.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 80), intituled "An Act respecting the Presbyterian Church, Warwick." Mr. Pettypiece.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 83), intituled "An Act respecting the Nepigon Land Company." Mr. German.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 14), intituled "An Act to confirm By-law No. 1254 of the City of St. Catharines." Mr. German.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 29), intituled "An Act respecting the City of Windsor." Mr. McKee.
Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 81), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Listowel." Mr. Brown.
Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 33), intituled "An Act respecting the City of London." Mr. Leys.
Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 68), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Kincardine." Mr. Malcolm.
Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 84), intituled "An Act to confirm By-law No. 895 of the Town of Peterborough." Mr. Stratton.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 46), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Milton." Mr. Barber.
Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 13), intituled "An Act to amend an Act to confer certain powers on the Town of Strathroy." Mr. McKay.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 54), intituled "An Act respecting the Municipality of Shuniah." Mr. Conmee.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 61), intituled "An Act respecting the St. James Cathedral, Toronto." Mr. Pyne.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 73), intituled "An Act respecting By-laws numbers 1797, 1920 and 1974 of the City of Ottawa." Mr. Lumsden.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 72), intituled "An Act respecting the City of Ottawa." Mr. Lumsden.
Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 47), intituled "An Act to incorporate the Ottawa and Dundas Railway Company." Mr. Lumsden.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 78), intituled "An Act respecting the Consumers Gas Company and other matters pertaining to the City of Toronto." Mr. Crawford.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 155), intituled "An Act to amend the Act respecting Veterinary Surgeons." Mr. German.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Bill (No. 156), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Mutrie.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Bill (No. 157), intituled "An Act to permit Municipalities to use the Imperial Automatic Voting Machine." Mr. Farwell.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Bill (No. 158), intituled "An Act to amend the Assessment Act." Mr. Hill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Bill (No. 159), intituled "An Act to amend the Ontario Election Act."—Mr. Gibson.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Mr. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Reid (Addington

That in the opinion of this House the time has come when something should be done in a tangible form to mark our appreciation of the valour and courage displayed by our brave soldiers now engaged in behalf of the Empire in the war in South Africa.

And a Debate having ensued,

The Motion was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

Mr. Jamieson moved, seconded by Mr. Duff,

That there be laid before this House a Return showing the total amount remaining unpaid on school lands in the Province. Also, the amount so unpaid in each of the Townships of Egremont, Normanby, Bentinck, Glenelg and Proton.

And a Debate arising, the

Motion was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. Matheson, seconded by Mr. Marter,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of copies of all correspondence between the Government, or any member or official thereof, or person on its behalf, and any other person, in connection with the resignation of the Registrar of the County of Renfrew or the appointment of any one to the office.

On motion of Mr. Joynt, seconded by Mr. Jessop,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of copies of all instructions issued by the Department to the inspector or commissioners of the County of Grenville, referring to application for hotel licenses in the Village of North Augusta in the County of Grenville, for the last four years, and all reports from the commissioners and inspector in relation thereto.

The following Bills were severally read the second time :—

Bill (No. 113), Relating to the employment of Aliens in Ontario.

Referred to a Select Committee to be composed as follows :—Messieurs Gibson, Foy, Pyne, Thompson, Conmee, Barber, Pattullo, Mutrie and Wardell.

Bill (No. 119), To amend the Assessment Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 121), To amend the Act for the protection of Sheep, and to impose a tax on dogs.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 122), To amend the Act to regulate travelling on Public Highways and Bridges.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 123), Respecting Town Councils.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Mr. Stratton presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor :—

Report of the Entomological Society for the year 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 19.*)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the twenty-second day of March, 1899, for a Return of copies of all papers and correspondence between any member of the Government and any individual with respect to the audit asked for by citizens of the Town of Amherstburg, of the accounts of the local collector. (*Sessional Papers No. 59.*)

The House then adjourned at 6.10 p.m.

Thursday, 22nd March, 1900.

PRAYERS.

3 o'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petition was brought up and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. Preston, the Petition of the Brantford Trades and Labour Council.

Mr. Harcourt, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Sixth Report which was read as follows and adopted :—

The Committee have carefully considered

Bill (No. 66), "An Act to enable Cyrus Davis Pinel to practise Dentistry," and find the preamble thereof not proven on the ground that in the opinion of the Committee the legislation asked for in the Bill is not desirable or expedient.

The Committee recommend that the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 66), and also on Bill (No. 9), "An Act to authorize the Law Society of Upper Canada to admit Joseph Arthur Tremblay to practise as a Solicitor," the Bill not having been proceeded with by the promotor thereof.

Ordered, That the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bills (No. 66), Cyrus Davis Pinel, and Bill (No. 9), Joseph Arthur Tremblay.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 166), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Dickenson.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 167), intituled "An Act for the protection of life and property in the use of Stationary Boilers and Engines and the examination and licensing of persons in charge of them" Mr. Carscallen.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 168), intituled "An Act to amend the Street Railway Act." Mr. Hill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

The following Bills were severally read the second time :—

Bill (No. 90), For the prevention and destruction of certain Noxious Insects.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 92), To amend the Pharmacy Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow,

Bill (No. 94), To amend the Act respecting Land Surveyors.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 95). To amend the Act to preserve the Forests from destruction by Fire.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 96), To amend the Algonquin National Park Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 98), To amend the Loan Corporations Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 99), To amend the Act respecting the Law Society of Upper Canada.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 100), To amend and consolidate the Ontario Game Protection Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 137), To provide for the incorporation of Co-operative Cold Storage Associations.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the House again to resolve itself into the Committee of Supply, having been read,

Mr. Ross moved,

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Mr. Whitney moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. Marter,

That all the words of the Motion after the first word "That" be struck out and the following substituted therefor: "the appointment of R. A. Grant who had held professional relations with some of the men charged with the commission of offences in the West Elgin Election, to be one of the legal officers to assist in the execution of the commission to examine into the conduct of the Returning Officer, Deputy Returning Officers and Poll Clerks at the West Elgin Election, deserves the strong condemnation of this House."

And the Amendment, having been put, was lost on the following division :—

YEAS.

Messieurs :

Allen	Fallis	Lucas	Reid (Durham)
Beatty (Leeds)	Foy	Marter	Robson
Boyd	Gallagher	Matheson	Thompson
Brower	Hoyle	Miscampbell	Tucker
Carnegie	Jamieson	Monteith	Wardell
Colquhoun	Jessop	Morrison	Whitney.—33
Crawford	Joynt	McLaughlin	
Duff	Kidd	Pyne	
Eilber	Little	Reid (Addington)	

NAYS.

Messieurs :

Auld	Conmee	Harcourt	McKay
Aylsworth	Davis	Harty	Pardo
Barber	Dickinson	Hill	Pattullo
Beatty (Parry Sound)	Douglas	Hislop	Pettypiece
Blezard	Dryden	Holmes	Preston
Bridgland	Farwell	Latchford	Richardson
Brown	Ferguson	Loughrin	Ross
Burt	Gibson	Lumsden	Russell
Carpenter	Graham	Malcolm	Taylor
Clarke	Guibord	Mutrie	Truax.—40

PAIRS.

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Leys	Fox.
Charlton	Carscallen.
Bowman	McDonald.
Smith	Kribs.
McKee	Dempsey.
German	.....	.....	McDiarmid.
Pardee	.....	.....	Powell.

The main Motion, having been then again put, was carried on the following division :—

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McKee	Dempsey.
German	McDiarmid.
Pardee	Powell.

And the House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty, for the services of 1900, the following sums :—

2. To defray the expenses of the Executive Council and Attorney General's Department	\$ 17,850 00
3. To defray the expenses of the Education Department	\$ 19,950 00
4. To defray the expenses of the Crown Lands Department	\$ 60,250 00

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Graham reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions ; also, That the Committee had directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

Mr. Stratton presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor :—

Copy of an Order-in-Council commuting the Surrogate Court fees payable to His Honour Judge Morson. (*Sessional Papers No. 61.*)

Copy of an Order-in-Council respecting the payment to certain Judges mentioned therein of surplus Surrogate fees. (*Sessional Papers No. 62.*)

Copy of an Order-in-Council directing that the bonds or guarantee policies of certain insurance companies mentioned therein may be given and accepted as security under the Statutes of Ontario. (*Sessional Papers No. 63.*)

Copy of an Order-in-Council commuting the fees of His Honour Judge Barron as Local Master at Stratford (*Sessional Papers No. 64.*)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the twenty-first day of March instant for a Return of copies of all instructions issued by the Department to the inspector or commissioners of the County of Grenville, referring to application for hotel licenses in the Village of North Augusta in the County of Grenville, for the last four years, and all reports from the commissioners and inspector in relation thereto. (*Sessional Papers No. 60.*)

The House then adjourned at 11.05 p.m.

Friday, 23rd March, 1900.

PRAYERS.

3 o'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Russell, the Petition of the Town Council of Deseronto.

By Mr. Ferguson, the Petition of the Town Council of Dresden.

By Mr. Pardo, the Petition of the County Council of Kent.

By Mr. Pardee, the Petition of the Town Council of Petrolea.

By Mr. Colquhoun, the Petition of E. T. Young, and others, of Hamilton.

The following Petitions were severally read and received:—

Of the Fort Erie Ferry Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass to extend the time for completion of a certain portion of road.

Of the Town Council of Rat Portage, praying that an Act may pass to legalize and confirm By-law No. 248, for completion of waterworks.

Of the Sudbury and Nipissing Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass to extend the time for commencement and completion of road.

Of the City Council of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass empowering the Corporation to acquire the rights, privileges and franchises of the Consumers' Gas Company of Toronto.

Of R. H. Cook, and others, of Malton, praying for the adoption of the Hare-Spence System of Voting in Municipal Elections.

Of the Town Council of Palmerston; also, of the Town Council of Tilsonburg, (two Petitions), severally praying certain amendments to the Municipal Act, respecting the manufacture of electric light.

Of the Brockville and Prescott Joint Stock Road Company, praying certain amendments to the Ontario Companies Act, respecting certain Statutory returns.

Mr. Gibson, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Seventh Report which was read as follows and adopted:—

The Committee have carefully considered

Bill (No. 50), "An Act respecting By-law No. —— of the Town of Barrie," and

Bill (No. 20), "An Act respecting the Town of Oshawa," and have made certain amendments thereto respectively.

The Committee have also amended the preambles to Bills Nos. 50 and 20 respectively, so as to make them conform with the facts as they appear to the Committee.

The Committee have also amended the Title to Bill (No. 50), so that the same now reads "An Act respecting By-law No. 483 of the Town of Barrie."

Mr. Dryden, from the Standing Committee on Railways, presented their First Report, which was read as follows and adopted :—

The Committee have carefully considered the following Bills and have prepared certain amendments thereto respectively :

Bill (No. 43), Respecting the Manitoulin and North Shore Railway Company ;

Bill (No. 62), To incorporate the Victoria Mines Railway Company ; and

Bill (No. 22), To incorporate the Bracebridge and Trading Lake Railway Company.

The Committee have also amended the Preamble to Bill (No. 43), so as to make the same conform with the facts as they appear to the Committee.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 42), intituled "An Act respecting the Amherstburg Library and Reading Room Association." Mr. Auld.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 169), intituled "An Act to amend the Bills of Sale and Chattel Mortgage Act." Mr. Wardell.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

Bill (No. 170), intituled "An Act for the Prevention of Accidents by Fire in Hotels, and other like buildings." Mr. Holmes.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

Bill (No. 171), intituled "An Act to amend the Ontario Factories Act." Mr. Holmes.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 172), intituled "An Act to amend the Ontario Shops Regulation Act." Mr. Holmes.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

Bill (No. 173), intituled "An Act respecting County Courts." Mr. Gibson.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

Bill (No. 174), intituled "An Act to amend the Railway Act." Mr. Conmee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

Bill (No. 175), intituled "An Act to amend the Public School Act." Mr. Marter

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

Bill (No. 176), intituled "An Act respecting Mortgages by Electric Railway Companies or Street Railway Companies." Mr. Gibson.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

Bill (No. 177), to amend the Assessment Act. Mr. Pyne.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Miscampbell, seconded by Mr. Crawford,

Ordered—That there be laid before this House, a Return of copies of all correspondence between the Crown Lands Department, or any member or official thereof, or any person entitled to transact business for the Department, in relation to trespass having been committed on limit known as “Coffin Additional” (now Aberdeen), prior or subsequent to the sale of the limit to the present holders thereof.

On Motion of Mr. Pyne, seconded by Mr. Wardell,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of copies of all pamphlets, books, reports, statements, correspondence or other information of any nature whatsoever in the hands of the Government, or any member thereof, in connection with the present agitation for a bounty on beet sugar, to be manufactured in the Province, together with copies of any Petitions, Resolutions or otherwise, received by the Government, or any member thereof, during the current Session urging that a bounty be given.

Mr. McLaughlin moved, seconded by Mr. McDonald,

That there be laid before this House a Return shewing separately the number of males and females employed in the several Departments of the Parliament Buildings and offices; their duties, salaries, when employed and how long, in the year 1899.

And a Debate having ensued,

The Motion was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

The following Bills were severally read the second time :—

Bill (No. 116), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 127), To amend the Municipal Drainage Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 129), To amend the Agriculture and Arts Act.

Referred to the Legal Committee.

Bill (No. 4), To confirm By-Law No. 354 of the Town of Durham, and a certain agreement entered into between the said town and the Durham Furniture Company, Limited.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 63), Respecting the Central Canada Loan and Savings Company.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 6), Respecting the Estate of the late Charlotte Elmsley.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 49), To amend an Act authorizing the issue of debentures by St. George's Cathedral Church, Kingston.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 5), To consolidate the debt of the Township of Sheffield.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 16), Respecting the Town of Dunnville.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 1), To consolidate the floating debt of the Town of Sudbury.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 18), Respecting the Town of Meaford.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 44), Respecting the Town of Fort William.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 58), Respecting an agreement between the City of Stratford and the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee, severally to consider the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 10), Incorporating the Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Bill (No. 51), Respecting the Town of Leamington.

Bill (No. 37), Respecting the Davenport Methodist Church Burying Grounds.

Bill (No. 17), Respecting St. George's Church, Ottawa.

Bill (No. 28), To consolidate the debenture debt of the Village of Arthur.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Graham reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills with certain Amendments.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bills reported, be severally read the third time on Monday next.

The House then adjourned at 5 p.m.

Monday, 26th March, 1900.

PRAYERS.

3 o'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petition was brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Pardo, the Petition of the City Council of Chatham.

The following Petition was read and received:—

Of the Brantford Trades and Labour Council, praying for the adoption of the Hare-Spence system of voting in Municipal Elections.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 82), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Welland."—Mr. German.
Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 88), intitutled "An Act to incorporate the Toronto Elevated Railway Company."—Mr. German.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 178), intituled "An Act to amend the Charity Aid Act."—Mr. Stratton.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Wednesday next.

Bill (No. 179), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Drainage Act." Mr. Conmee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Wednesday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee, severally to consider the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 4), to confirm By-law No. 354 of the Town of Durham, and a certain agreement entered into between the said town and the Durham Furniture Company, Limited.

Bill (No. 63), Respecting the Central Canada Loan and Savings Company.

Bill (No. 6), Respecting the estate of the late Charlotte Elmsley.

Bill (No. 49), To amend an Act authorizing the issue of debentures by St. George's Cathedral Church, Kingston.

Bill (No. 5), To consolidate the debt of the Township of Sheffield.

Bill (No. 16), Respecting the Town of Dunnville.

Bill (No. 1), To consolidate the floating debt of the Town of Sudbury.

Bill (No. 58), Respecting an agreement between the City of Stratford and the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Pattullo reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills without amendments.

Ordered, That the Bills reported, be severally read the third time To-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Foy, seconded by Mr. Matheson,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return shewing names, or the official numbers, of Boys reprieved from the Penetanguishene Reformatory, and of Girls reprieved from the Industrial Refuge for Girls, Toronto, during the two years previous to the first February, 1900. The date when the reprieve was recommended by the Warden or Superintendent. The date when the reprieve was finally granted.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 128), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 130), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 142), To regulate the width of Wagon Tires.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 148), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 149), To amend the Assessment Act.
Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 150), To amend the Municipal Act.
Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 151), Respecting Building Societies and Loan Corporations.
Referred to the Legal Committee.

Bill (No. 153), Respecting the Barberry Shrub.

Referred to a Select Committee to be composed as follows :—Messieurs Dryden, Carpenter, Little, Duff, Hislop, Pardo, Robson, Monteith, Pardee, Matheson and Taylor.

Bill (No. 156), To amend the Municipal Act.
Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 166), To amend the Municipal Act.
Referred to the Municipal Committee.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 131), To amend the Municipal Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 132), To amend the Public Schools Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

Mr. Stratton presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor :—

Report of the Ontario Agricultural and Experimental Union for the year 1899.
(*Sessional Papers, No. 15.*)

The House then adjourned at 6.15 p.m.

Tuesday, 27th March, 1900.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of E. T. Young, and others, of Hamilton, praying legislation in the direction of a compulsory examination of the teeth of school children.

Of the Town Council of Dresden ; also, of the Town Council of Deseronto ; also, of the Town Council of Petrolea, severally praying certain amendments to the Municipal Act, respecting the manufacture of electric light.

Of the County Council of Kent, praying certain amendments to the law respecting the appointment of permanent Police Magistrates in Counties.

Mr. Harcourt, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Eighth Report, which was read as follows and adopted :—

The Committee have carefully considered

Bill (No. 36), "An Act respecting the Town of Goderich,"

Bill (No. 46), "An Act respecting the Town of Milton,"

Bill (No. 35), "An Act to confirm and legalize a certain by-law of the Town of Collingwood, and an agreement made between the Town of Collingwood and Alexander McDougall and the Dry Dock and Wrecking Company of Collingwood, Limited," and

Bill (No. 41), "An Act respecting the Town of Lindsay, and the Lindsay Water-works,"

and have made certain amendments thereto respectively.

The Committee have also amended the preambles to Bills (Nos. 36, 46, 35 and 41), respectively, so as to make the same conform with the facts as they appear to the Committee.

Mr. Dryden, from the Standing Committee on Railways, presented their Second Report, which was read as follows, and adopted :—

The Committee have carefully considered Bill (No. 59), Respecting the Hamilton Radial Electric Railway Company, and have prepared certain amendments to the Bill.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 79), intituled "An Act respecting the Mortgage Corporation."—Mr. Foy. Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 180), intituled "An Act to amend the Assessment Act."—Mr. German. Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 181), intituled "An Act to amend the Registry Act."—Mr. Gibson. Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 90), For the prevention and destruction of certain Noxious Insects ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Graham reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 92), To amend the Pharmacy Act ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Graham reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill, with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 94, To amend the Act respecting Land Surveyors; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Graham reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 95), To amend the Act to preserve the Forests from destruction by Fire; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Graham reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 96), To amend the Algonquin National Park Act; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Graham reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 99), To amend the Act respecting the Law Society of Upper Canada; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Graham reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 93), To amend the Act to establish Forest Reserves.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 144), For preserving to Canadian Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and Men, now serving Her Majesty in South Africa, their rights of Franchise in Ontario.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 146), To authorize Municipal Grants for the benefit of Canadians on Military Service in South Africa.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 134), The Provincial Drainage Aid Act, having been read,

Mr. Ross moved,

That the Bill be now read the second time.

And the motion, having been put, was carried on a division, and the Bill was read the second time, and,

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty, for the service of 1900, the following sums :—

5 To defray the expenses of the Department of Public Works	\$ 25,050 00
6. To defray the expenses of the Treasury Department	\$ 31,375 00
7. To defray the expenses of the Provincial Secretary's Department	\$ 19,100 00
8. To defray the expenses of the Inspection of Public Institutions	\$ 15,825 00
9. To defray the expenses of Audit, License and Justice Accounts	\$ 9,550 00
10. To defray the expenses of the Registrar-General's Branch	\$ 12,125 00
11. To defray the expenses of the Provincial Board of Health	\$ 7,900 00
12. To defray the expenses of the Department of Agriculture	\$ 18,710 00
15. To defray Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 9,550 00

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions ; also, That the Committee had directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 10.30 p.m.

Wednesday, 28th March, 1900.

PRAYERS.

3 o'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. Lumsden, the Petition of the Ottawa Allied Trades and Labour Association.

By Mr. Burt, the Petition of the County Council of Brant.

By Mr. Barr, the Petition of John S. Allen, and others, of Melancthon.

The following Petition was read and received :—

Of the City Council of Chatham, praying certain amendments to the Municipal Act, respecting the manufacture of electric light.

Mr. McKay, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented their Ninth Report, which was read as follows and adopted :—

The Committee have carefully examined the following petitions and find the notices as published in each case sufficient :

Of the Sudbury and Nipissing Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass to extend the time for the commencement and completion of the road ;

Of the Village Council of Port Perry, praying that an Act may pass to legalize and confirm By-law No. 452 ;

Of the Pacific and Atlantic Railway Company, that an Act may pass reviving their Act of incorporation ;

Of the Fort Erie Ferry Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass to extend the time for the completion of a certain portion of the Company's line;

Of William R. Pringle of Port Arthur, praying that an Act may pass permitting him to practise Medicine and Surgery in Ontario;

Of the Town Council of Rat Portage, praying that an Act may pass to legalize and confirm By-law No. 248 for the completion of waterworks.

Mr. McKay, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented their Tenth Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

The Committee have carefully examined the Petition of the City Council of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass empowering the Corporation to acquire the rights, privileges and franchises of the Consumers' Gas Company and find that notice of the proposed application to this Legislature appeared in the "Ontario Gazette" on the 10th, 17th and 24th of March, instant, and also in the "Globe" on the same dates.

The Committee, considering this a matter which should have been advertised for the full term of six weeks, in accordance with the Rules of this Honourable House, find that the Rules have not been complied with, and report the notices as insufficient.

Mr. McKay, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders presented their Eleventh Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

The Committee have carefully examined the Petition of the Algoma Commercial Company, praying that an Act may pass confirming the incorporation of the Company, and to increase its powers, and find that notice of the proposed application to this Legislature has appeared for the period of six weeks in the "Ontario Gazette" and in the "Sault Express."

The Committee are of the opinion that the Petition asks for greater powers than those of which notice has been definitely given the public, in the advertisements above set forth;

The Committee therefore recommend that when the Bill founded on the Petition comes before the Private Bills Committee, such portions thereof as are not alluded to and fully covered by the notices, be eliminated therefrom.

Mr. Harcourt, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Ninth Report which was read as follows and adopted:—

The Committee have carefully considered

Bill (No. 31), "An Act to authorize the Town of Port Hope to raise money for Waterworks purposes,"

Bill (No. 73), "An Act respecting By-laws numbers 1797, 1920 and 1974, of the City of Ottawa,"

Bill (No. 71), "An Act respecting the Town of Smith's Falls,"

Bill (No. 24), "An Act to confirm By-law No. 115 of the Corporation of the Village of Tottenham,"

Bill (No. 21), "An Act to authorize the sale of certain lands by the Public School Board of the Township of Pelee in the County of Essex,"

Bill (No. 57), "An Act respecting By-laws Nos. 1458, 1628, 1707 and 1973 of the City of Ottawa,"

Bill (No. 70), "An Act to consolidate the floating debt of the Township of Anderdon,"

Bill (No. 87), "An Act respecting the Town of Collingwood and Charles D. Cramp,"

Bill (No. 11), "An Act to confirm By-law No. 350 of the Town of Harriston," and

Bill (No. 72), "An Act respecting the City of Ottawa," and have made certain amendments thereto respectively.

The Committee have also amended the preambles to Bills Nos. 31, 73, 71, 24, 21, 57, 70, 87, 11 and 72 respectively, so as to make them conform with the facts as they appear to the Committee.

Mr. Dryden, from the Standing Committee on Railways, presented their Third Report, which was read as follows and adopted :—

The Committee have carefully considered the following Bills and have prepared certain amendments thereto respectively :

Bill (No. 48), To incorporate the Huntsville and Lake of Bays Railway Company, and

Bill (No. 34), To incorporate the Woodstock, Thames Valley and Ingersoll Electric Railway Company.

The Committee have also carefully considered Bill (No. 27), Respecting the Port Stanley Electric Street Railway Company, Limited, and find the preamble thereof not proven, on the ground that legislation in the premises is neither necessary nor advisable. The Committee recommend that the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on the Bill.

The Committee recommend that the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 64), To incorporate the Mineral Railway Company, the Bill having been withdrawn by the promoters thereof.

Ordered, That the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 27), Port Stanley Electric Railway, and Bill (No. 64), Mineral Railway Company.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 160), intituled "An Act respecting the Sudbury and Nipissing Railway Company." Mr. Loughrin.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 23), intituled "An Act to confirm By-law No. 452 of the Village of Port Perry." Mr. Richardson.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 65), intituled "An Act respecting By-law 248 of the Town of Rat Portage." Mr. Conmee.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 182), intituled "An Act to amend the Division Courts Act." Mr. Wardell.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Bill (No. 183), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Farwell.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Bill (No. 184), intituled "An Act to amend the Act respecting Building Societies and other Loan Corporations." Mr. Carscallen.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Bill (No. 185), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Light and Heat Act." Mr. Bridgland.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Bill (No. 186), intituled "An Act respecting Provincial Aid, towards the establishment of Cold Storage Buildings." Mr. Ross.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Bill (No. 187), intituled "An Act to amend the Act to supplement the Revenues of the Crown in the Province of Ontario." Mr. Foy.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

On motion of Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Matheson,

Ordered, That the name of Mr. Marter be added to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned Debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 101), To amend the Local Courts Act, having been read,

The Debate was resumed.

And, after some time, the motion for the second reading having been again put, was lost on the following division :—

YEAS.

Messieurs :

Allen	Eilber	Little	Powell
Barr	Fallis	Lucas	Pyne
Beatty (Leeds)	Foy	Marter	Reid (Addington)
Boyd	Fox	Matheson	Reid (Durham)
Brower	Gallagher	Miscampbell	Robson
Carnegie	Hoyle	Monteith	Thompson
Carscallen	Jessop	Morrison	Wardell
Colquhoun	Joynt	McDiarmid	Whitney—38]
Crawford	Kidd	McDonald	
Duff	Kribs	McLaughlin	

NAYS.

Messieurs :

Auld	Davis	Hislop	Pattullo
Aylsworth	Dickenson	Holmes	Preston
Beatty (Parry Sound)	Dryden	Latchford	Richardson
Bleizard	Farwell	Leys	Ross
Bowman	Ferguson	Loughrin	Russell
Bridgland	German	Lumsden	Smith
Brown	Gibson	Malcolm	Stratton
Burt	Graham	Mutrie	Taylor
Carpenter	Guibord	McKay	Truax—45.
Charlton	Harcourt	McKee	
Clarke	Harty	Pardee	
Conmee	Hill	Pardo	

PAIRS.

Douglas	.....	.....	.....	Dempsey.
Caldwell	.....	.....	.....	Tucker.
Pettypiece	.....	.....	.....	White.
Barber	.....	.....	.....	Jamieson.

And so it was declared in the negative.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 115), To amend the Ontario Insurance Act, having been read,

Mr. Eilber moved,

That the Bill be now read the second time.

And the motion, having been put, was lost on the following division :—

YEAS.

Messieurs :

Allen	Duff	Kidd	McDonald
Barr	Eilber	Kribs	McLaughlin
Beatty (Leeds)	Fallis	Little	Pyne
Boyd	Foy	Lucas	Reid (Addington)
Brower	Fox	Marter	Reid (Durham)
Carnegie	Gallagher	Matheson	Robson
Carscallen	Hoyle	Miacampbell	Thompson
Colquhoun	Jamieson	Monteith	Wardell
Conmee	Jessop	Morrison	Whitney—39.
Crawford	Joynt	McDiarmid	

NAYS.

Messieurs :

Auld	Clarke	Harty	McKee
Aylsworth	Davis	Hill	Pardee
Barber	Dickenson	Hislop	Pardö
Beatty (Parry Sound)	Dryden	Holmes	Preston
Bleizard	Farwell	Latchford	Richardson
Bowman	Ferguson	Leys	Ross
Bridgland	German	Loughrin	Russell
Brown	Gibson	Lumsden	Smith
Burt	Graham	Malcolm	Stratton
Carpenter	Guibord	Mutrie	Taylor
Charlton	Harcourt	McKay	Truax—44.

PAIRS.

Douglas	....	....	....	....	Dempsey.
Caldwell	....	....	....	....	Tucker.
Pettypiece	....	....	....	....	White.
Pattullo	....	....	....	....	Powell.

And so it was declared in the negative.

The following Bills were severally read the second time :—

Bill (No. 110), To amend the Municipal Drainage Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 120), To amend the Ontario Election Act.

Referred to a Select Committee, to be hereafter named.

Bill (No. 25), Respecting the Corporation of the Town of Preston.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 50), Respecting By-law No. 483 of the Town of Barrie.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 20), Respecting the Town of Oshawa.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 43), Respecting the Manitoulin and North Shore Railway Company.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 62), To incorporate the Victoria Mines Railway Company.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 22), To incorporate the Bracebridge and Trading Lake Railway Company.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 36), Respecting the Town of Goderich.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 46), Respecting the Town of Milton.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 35), to confirm and legalize a By-law and Agreement of the Corporation of the Town of Collingwood.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 41), Respecting the Town of Lindsay and the Lindsay Waterworks.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 59), Respecting the Hamilton Radial Electric Railway Company.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 139), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 140), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 167), For the protection of life and property in the use of Stationary Boilers and Engines, and the examination and licensing of persons in charge of them.

Referred to a Select Committee, to be hereafter named.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 125), To amend the Municipal Act, having been read,

Mr. Jessop moved,

That the Bill be now read the second time.

And the motion, having been put, was lost on a division.

And so it was declared in the negative.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 133), To amend the Act respecting Police Magistrates, having been read,

Mr. Fox moved,

That the Bill be now read the second time.

And the motion, having been put, was lost on a division.

And so it was declared in the negative.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 141), To amend the Liquor License Act, having been read,

Mr. Lucas moved,

That the Bill be now read the second time.

And the motion, having been put, was lost on a division.

And so it was declared in the negative.

Mr. Stratton presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor :—

Report of the Department of Immigration for the year 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 28.*)

Also—Report upon the Hospitals and Charities of the Province for the year ending 30th of September, 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 36.*)

Also—Analysis of Reports of District, Township, Agricultural and Horticultural Societies for the years 1887, 1888 and 1889. (*Sessional Papers No. 65.*)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the sixteenth day of March, instant, for a Return of copies of all correspondence in connection with the appointment of Frederick Warren as Division Court Clerk in the Township of Osnabruck in the County of Stormont. (*Sessional Papers No. 66.*)

The House then adjourned at 10.30 p.m.

Thursday, 29th March, 1900.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. Whitney, the Petition of W. H. Deake, of Windsor.

By Mr. McKay, the Petition of H. O. Boyd, and others, of Bobcaygeon.

By Mr. Beatty (Parry Sound), the Petition of the Town Council of Parry Sound.

By Mr. Carscallen, the Petition of the City Council of Hamilton.

Mr. Charlton, from the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented their First Report, which was read as follows :—

On motion of Mr. Matheson, the following Resolution was laid before the Committee : “That a statement be laid before the Committee, at its next meeting, of all amounts owing to the Province from purchases from the industries of the Province up to 31st December, 1899, and dates from which owing, and that the Chairman make a Report to the House to-day asking for authority to bring down such statement.”

Resolved, That this House doth concur in the First Report of the Committee on Public Accounts.

Mr. Harcourt, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Tenth Report, which was read as follows and adopted :—

The Committee have carefully considered

Bill (No. 56), “An Act to confirm a certain by-law and agreement of the Municipal Corporation of the Town of Arnprior,”

Bill (No. 33), “An Act respecting the City of London,”

Bill (No. 29), “An Act respecting the City of Windsor,” and

Bill (No. 68), “An Act respecting the Town of Kincardine,”

and have made certain amendments thereto respectively.

The Committee have also amended the preambles to Bills (Nos. 56, 29 and 68) respectively, so as to make them conform with the facts as they appear to the Committee.

The Committee have also considered .

Bill (No. 80), "An Act respecting the Presbyterian Church, Warwick," and have amended the preamble to the Bill so as to make the same conform with the facts as they appear to the Committee.

The Committee have also considered

Bill (No. 15), "An Act to amend the Acts respecting the Napanee River Improvement Company, and provide for the drainage of lands in the Townships of Portland and Camden," and find the preamble thereof not proven, on the ground that in the opinion of the Committee the legislation asked for is not desirable or expedient.

The Committee recommend that the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 15), and also on Bill (No. 80), on the ground, with regard to Bill (No. 80), that the Bill relates to a religious institution.

Ordered, That the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 15), Napanee River, and on Bill No. (80), Warwick Presbyterian Church.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 89), intituled "An Act to permit William Roger Pringle, of Port Arthur, to practise medicine in Ontario."—Mr. Conmee.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 188), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act."—Mr. Holmes.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 189), intituled "An Act to amend the Surrogate Courts Act."—Mr Wardell.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 190), intituled "An Act to amend the Act for the protection of Sheep and to impose a tax on dogs."—Mr. Carpenter.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 191), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Drainage Act."—Mr. Taylor.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 192), intituled "An Act to amend the High School Act."—Mr. Richardson.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 193), intituled "An Act to amend the Assessment Act."—Mr. Conmee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 194), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act."—Mr. Lucas.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 195), intituled "An Act to amend the Ditches and Watercourses Act."—Mr. Conmee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Wardell, seconded by Mr. Lucas,

Ordered, That Rule No. 51 of this House be suspended, for this day, and that leave be given to present a Petition for an Act vesting certain lands in Richard Todd Wilson, and that the same be now read and received.

The following Petition was then brought up, read and received :—

The Petition of Richard Todd Wilson, and others, of Dundas, praying that an Act may pass, confirming certain appointments of Trustees, and vesting certain lands in him the said Wilson, and his heirs, in fee.

Mr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Gibson,

That this House doth ratify a certain agreement, a copy of which was laid upon the Table on the thirteenth day of March instant, made by and between Her Majesty, represented by the Commissioner of Crown Lands, of the one part, and the Spanish River Pulp and Paper Company, of the other part, and bearing date on the 21st day of September, 1899.

Mr. Whitney moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. Boyd,

That all the words of the Motion after the word "That" be struck out and the following substituted therefor : "this House is of opinion that all grants of pulp wood lands should be made subject to public competition, and that all dues on Crown Timber should be regulated from time to time by this House ; and this House is also of opinion, that steps should be taken to enquire into the extent and nature of the timber resources of the Province, in order that the members of this House may be able to form an intelligent judgment upon the subject of timber and pulp wood dues."

And a Debate having ensued,

Mr. Ross then moved, seconded by Mr. Gibson,

That the Debate be adjourned.

And the motion, having been put, was carried on the following division :—

(Yea 41, nays 34.)

And it was

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty, for the services of 1900, the following sums :—

13. To defray the expenses of the Insurance Branch	\$ 8,400 00
14. To defray the expenses of the Neglected Children's Branch.....	\$ 4,000 00
16. To defray the expenses of Legislation.....	\$133,200 00
17. To defray the expenses of the Administration of Justice.....	\$448,649 97
18. To defray the expenses of Public and Separate Schools	\$469,278 05
19. To defray the expenses of Collegiate Institutes and High Schools	\$114,675 00

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions; also, that the Committee had directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

Mr. Stratton presented to the House, Return to an Order of the House of the seventh day of March instant, for a Return shewing:—

1st. The name and salary of each License Inspector in the Province for the year 1899, and the County for which he was appointed.

2nd. The amount allowed each such Inspector for expenses.

3rd. The names of License Commissioners in each License District and the amount of expenses allowed to each in the year 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 67.*)

Also—By command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Report of the Commissioner of Crown Lands for the year 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 8.*)

The House then adjourned at 10.40 p.m.

Friday, 30th March, 1900.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Harcourt, the Petition of Mr. A. F. Pringle, and others, of Dunnville.

By Mr. Tucker, the Petition of J. J. Cassidy, and others, of Moorefield.

By Mr. Graham, the Petition of Stanley S. Cornell, and others, of Athens.

By Mr. Pardee, the Petition of D. G. Gordon, and others, of Sarnia.

By Mr. Barr, the Petition of W. L. Roberts, and others, of Horning's Mills.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of John S. Allen, and others, of Melancthon; also, of the Ottawa Allied Trades and Labour Council, severally praying for the adoption of the Hare-Spence System of voting in Municipal Elections.

Of the County Council of Brant, praying certain amendments to the Jury Law respecting the service of subpoenas on Grand and Petit Jurors.

Mr. Harcourt, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Eleventh Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

The Committee have carefully considered

Bill (No. 83), "An Act to incorporate the Nepigon Lands Company," and have made certain amendments thereto.

The Committee have also amended the preamble to the Bill so as to make the same conform with the facts as they appear to the Committee.

The Committee have also amended the title to the Bill, so that the same now reads "An Act to incorporate the Nepigon Mining Lands Company."

Mr. Dryden, from the Standing Committee on Railways, presented their Fourth Report, which was read as follows and adopted :—

The Committee have carefully considered the following Bills and have prepared certain amendments thereto respectively :

Bill (No. 69), To incorporate The Nickel Belt Railway Company :

Bill (No. 55). To incorporate The Wabigoon, Manitou and Rainy Lake Railway Company, and

Bill (No. 26), To incorporate The Queenston, St. Catharines and Port Dalhousie Electric Railway Company.

The Committee have also amended the Preambles to Bills (Nos. 69 and 55) so as to make the same conform with the facts as they appear to the Committee.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 162), intituled "An Act respecting the Pacific and Atlantic Railway Company." Mr. Farwell.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 164), intituled "An Act respecting the Algoma Commercial Company, Limited." Mr. Farwell.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 163), intituled "An Act respecting the Fort Erie Ferry Railway Company." Mr. German.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 196), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Carscallen.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

Bill (No. 197), intituled "An Act to amend the Assessment Act." Mr. Carscallen.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

Bill (No. 198), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Carscallen.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Fallis, seconded by Mr. Matheson,
Ordered, That the Order of the Day for consideration in Committee of the Whole, of Bill (No. 46), Respecting the Town of Milton, be discharged, and the Bill recommitted to the Standing Committee on Private Bills for further consideration and report.

Mr. Beatty (Leeds) moved, seconded by Mr. Colquhoun,

That there be laid before this House, a Return of a copy of the Order in Council changing Ontario standard of log measurement from "Scribner," "Doyle" or "Durkin," together with copies of all correspondence relating to the change.

And a Debate having arisen, it was

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Monday next.

The following Bills were severally read the second time :—

Bill (No. 157), To permit Municipalities to use the Imperial Automatic Voting Machine.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 168), To amend the Street Railway Act.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 169), To amend the Bills of Sale and Chattel Mortgage Act.

Referred to the Legal Committee.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 112), to amend the Public School Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 147), To amend the Mortgagors Relief Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 154), To amend the Assessment Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 170), For the prevention of Accidents by Fire, in Hotels and other like buildings, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 171), To amend the Ontario Factories Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 172), To amend the Ontario Shops Regulation Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The House then adjourned at 6 p.m.

Monday, 2nd April, 1900.

PRAYERS.

3 o'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. Tucker, the Petition of Robert McWilliam, and others.

By Mr. Matheson, the Petition of Robert W. Steacy, and others.

By Mr. Barber, the Petition of John Urquhart, and others, of Edinboro'.

By Mr. McKay, the Petition of H. Minshall, and others; also, the Petition of W. M. Geikie, and others.

By Mr. Pattullo, the Petition of A. J. Murray, and others, of Lakeside; also, the Petition of the County Council of Oxford.

By Mr. McDiarmid, the Petition of James Fulton, and others, of St. Thomas.

By Mr. Crawford, the Petition of L. S. Rice, and others, of Toronto.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of the City Council of Hamilton; also, of the Town Council of Parry Sound, severally praying certain amendments to the Municipal Act, respecting the manufacture of electric light.

Of H. O. Boyle, and others, of Bobcaygeon; also, of W. H. Deake, of Windsor, severally praying that the Bill before the House relating to affiliated Medical Colleges, may become law.

The House resolved itself into a Committee, severally to consider the following Bills :—

Bill (No. 18), Respecting the Town of Meaford.

Bill (No. 50), Respecting By-law No. 483 of the Town of Barrie.

Bill (No. 20), Respecting the Town of Oshawa.

Bill (No. 43), Respecting the Manitoulin and North Shore Railway Company.

Bill (No. 22), To incorporate the Bracebridge and Trading Lake Railway Company.

Bill (No. 35), To confirm and legalize a By-law and Agreement of the Corporation of the Town of Collingwood.

Bill (No. 59), Respecting the Hamilton Radial Electric Railway Company.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Charlton reported, that the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills without Amendments.

Ordered, That the Bills reported, be severally read the third time To-morrow.

The following Bills were severally read the second time :—

Bill (No. 31), To authorize the Town of Port Hope to raise money for waterworks purposes.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 73), Respecting By-law 1797, 1920 and 1974 of the City of Ottawa.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 71), Respecting the Town of Smith's Falls.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 24), To confirm By-law No. 115 of the Village of Tottenham.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 21), To authorize the sale of certain lands by the Public School Board of the Township of Pelee in the County of Essex.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 57), Respecting By-laws Nos. 1458, 1628, 1707 and 1973 of the City of Ottawa.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 70), To consolidate the floating debt of the Township of Anderdon.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 87), Respecting the Town of Collingwood.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 11), To confirm By-law No. 350 of the Town of Harriston.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 72), Respecting the City of Ottawa.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 48), To incorporate the Huntsville and Lake of Bays Railway Company.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 34), To incorporate the Woodstock, Thames Valley and Ingersoll Electric Railway Company.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 56), To confirm a certain By-law and Agreement of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 33), Respecting the City of London.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 29), Respecting the City of Windsor.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 68), Respecting the Town of Kincardine.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 80), Respecting the Presbyterian Church, Warwick.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 83), To incorporate the Nepigon Mining Lands Company.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 69), To incorporate the Nickel Belt Railway.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 55), To incorporate the Wabigoon, Manitou and Rainy Lake Railway Company.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 26), To incorporate the Queenston, St. Catharines and Port Dalhousie Electric Railway Company.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 135), To amend the Voters' Lists Act.
Referred to the Legal Committee.

On motion of Mr. Miscampbell, seconded by Mr. Matheson,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return, shewing amount of Revenue received during the year 1899, by each of the Departments of Government as audited and passed by the Commission appointed to investigate and report as to the Finances of the Province.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 117), To amend the Assessment Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 126), To amend the Municipal Act, having been read,

Mr. Brower moved,

That the Bill be now read the second time.

And the Motion, having been put, was lost on a division.

And so it was declared in the negative.

The House then adjourned at 4.30 p.m.

Tuesday, 3rd April, 1900.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. Gibson, the Petition of W. A. Johnson, and others, of Fergus.

By Mr. Duff, the Petition of Donald McLeod, and others.

By Mr. Brower, the Petition of James Haight, and others, of Elgin.

By Mr. Hill, two Petitions of the County Council of York.

By Mr. Davis, the Petition of H. H. Pringle, and others.

By Mr. Colquhoun, the Petition of E. B. O'Reilly, and others, of Hamilton.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of J. J. Cassidy, and others, of Moorefield ; also, of A. F. Pringle, and others, of Dunnville ; also, of Stanley S. Cornell, and others, of Athens ; also, of D. G. Gordon, and others, of Sarnia, severally praying that the Bill before the House in re affiliation of Medical Colleges may become law.

Of W. L. Roberts, and others, of Horning's Mills, praying for the adoption of the Hare-Spence system of voting at Municipal Elections.

Mr. Dryden, from the Standing Committee on Railways, presented their Fifth Report, which was read as follows and adopted :—

The Committee have carefully considered the following Bills and have prepared certain amendments thereto respectively :

Bill (No. 32), To revive, extend and amend the Act to incorporate the Ingersoll Electric Railway Company ;

Bill (No. 160), Respecting the Sudbury and Nipissing Railway Company, and

Bill (No. 45), To incorporate the Crow Lake Railway and Development Company.

The Committee have also amended the Preambles to Bills (Numbers 32 and 45), so as to make the same conform with the facts as they appear to the Committee.

The Committee have also amended the title to Bill (No. 45), so that it now reads "An Act to incorporate the Camp Bay and Crow Lake Railway Company."

The Committee recommend that Rule No. 51 of this Honourable House be further suspended in this, that the time for receiving Reports from the Standing Committees on Private Bills be further extended until and inclusive of Tuesday the 10th day of April instant.

Ordered, That the time for receiving Reports from the Standing Committees on Private Bills be further extended until and inclusive of Tuesday the tenth day of April instant.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 200), intituled "An Act to improve the High Schools Act." Mr. Harcourt.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 201), intituled "An Act to improve the Public Schools Act." Mr. Harcourt.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 202), intituled "An Act to amend the Trustees Investment Act." Mr. Gibson.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 203), intituled "An Act respecting Industrial Schools." Mr. Gibson.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 204), intituled "An Act to amend the Division Courts Act." Mr. Carscallen.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 205), intituled "An Act to amend the Jurors' Act." Mr. Tucker.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 206), intituled "An Act to re-unite the North and South Ridings of the County of Perth for the purpose of Registration of Titles." Mr. Brown.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

The following Bills were severally read the third time and passed :—

Bill (No. 10), Incorporating the Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Bill (No. 51), Respecting the Town of Leamington.

Bill (No. 37), Respecting the Davenport Methodist Church Burying Grounds.

Bill (No. 17), Respecting St. George's Church, Ottawa.

Bill (No. 28), To consolidate the debenture debt of the Village of Arthur.

Bill (No. 4), To confirm By-law No. 354 of the Town of Durham, and a certain agreement entered into between the said town and the Durham Furniture Company, Limited.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 90), For the prevention and destruction of certain Noxious Insects, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 137), To provide for the incorporation of Co-operative Cold Storage Associations, and after some spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committe had made some progress, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 134), The Provincial Drainage Aid Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 144), For preserving to Canadian Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and Men, now serving Her Majesty in South Africa, their rights of Franchise in Ontario, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 146), To authorize Municipal Grants for the benefit of Canadians on Military Service in South Africa ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 93), To amend the Act to establish Forest Reserves, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The following Bills were severally read the second time :—

Bill (No. 176), Respecting Mortgages by Electric Railway Companies or Street Railway Companies.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 181), To amend the Registry Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the House again to resolve itself into the Committee of Supply, having been read,

Mr. Ross moved,

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Mr. Little moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Reid (Addington),

That all the words of the Motion after the word "That" be struck out and the following substituted therefor: "this House is of the opinion that the moneys voted for Colonization Roads in the Districts where Municipal Government exists, should, as far as practicable, and under such inspection as may be necessary to insure the application of such moneys so voted, be expended by the municipal authorities."

And the Amendment, having been put, was lost on the following division :—

YEAHS.

Messieurs :

Barr	Duff	Kidd	McLaughlin
Beatty (Leeds)	Eilber	Little	Reid (Addington)
Boyd	Fallis	Lucas	Reid (Durham)
Brower	Fox	Marter	Robson
Carnegie	Gallagher	Matheson	Thompson
Carscallen	Hoyle	Monteith	Tucker
Colquhoun	Jamieson	Morrison	Wardell
Crawford	Jessop	McDiarmid	Whitney—35.
Dempsey	Joynt	McDonald	

NAYS.

Messieurs :

Auld	Clarke	Guibord	McKee
Aylsworth	Conmee	Harcourt	Pardee
Barber	Davis	Hill	Pardo
Beatty (Parry Sound)	Dickenson	Hislop	Pattullo
Bleizard	Douglas	Holmes	Preston
Bowman	Dryden	Latchford	Ross
Bridgland	Farwell	Leys	Stratton
Brown	Ferguson	Loughrin	Taylor
Burt	German	Lumsden	Truax—42.
Carpenter	Gibson	Malcolm	
Charlton	Graham	Mutrie	

PAIRS.

Harty	....	....	Foy.
Pettypiece	....	....	Powell.
Smith	....	....	Kribs.
Richardson	....	....	White.
Russell	....	....	Miscampbell.
McKay	....	....	Pyne.
Caldwell	....	....	Allen.

The Main Motion, having been then again put, was carried on the following division :—

YEAS.

Messieurs :

Auld	Clarke	Guibord	McKee
Aylsworth	Conmee	Harcourt	Pardee
Barber	Davis	Hill	Pardo
Beatty (Parry Sound)	Dickenson	Hislop	Pattullo
Bleizard	Douglas	Holmes	Preston
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Carnegie	Gallagher	Matheson	Thompson
Carscallen	Hoyle	Monteith	Tucker
Colquhoun	Jamieson	Morrison	Wardell
Crawford	Jessop	McDiarmid	Whitney—35.
Dempsey	Joyst	McDonald	

PAIRS.

Harty	.....	Foy.
Pettypiece	.....	Powell.
Smith	.....	Kribs.
Richardson	.....	White.
Russell	.....	Miscampbell.
McKay	.....	Pyne.
Caldwell	.....	Allan.

And the House accordingly again resolved itself into the Committee.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty, for the services of 1900, the following sums :—

20. To defray the expenses of the Museum and Library	\$ 7,850 00
21. To defray the expenses of the School of Practical Science	\$ 23,870 00
22. To defray the expenses of Public Libraries, Art Schools, Literary and Scientific	\$ 57,500 00
23. To defray Miscellaneous expenses of Education	\$ 15,575 00
24. To defray the expenses of Superannuated Teachers	\$ 61,300 09
25. To defray the expenses of the Asylum for the Insane, Toronto	\$101,131 00

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, that the Committee had come to several Resolutions ; also, That the Committee had directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 11.15 p.m.

Wednesday, 4th April, 1900.

PRAYERS.

3 o'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. McKay, the Petition of Thomas Brown and others ; also, the Petition of James S. Sprague and others of Stirling ; also, the Petition of D. W. Carroll and others.

By Mr. Douglas, the Petition of C. Hare and others.

By Mr. Taylor, the Petition of Robert Aylwood and others ; also, the Petition of C. R. Gunne and others of Parkhill.

By Mr. Carpenter, the Petition of James W. Osborne and others.

By Mr. McLaughlin, the Petition of David Jamieson and others.

By Mr. Reid (Durham), the Petition of J. C. Mitchell and others ; also, the Petition of A. S. Tilley.

By Mr. Thompson, the Petition of John F. Palling and others ; also, the Petition of J. B. H. McClinton and others.

By Mr. Brown, the Petition of E. Zinkham and others ; also, the Petition of the City Council of Stratford.

By Mr. Auld, the Petition of C. V. Anderson and others of Essex.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of W. W. Geikie and others ; also, of Robert McWilliam and others ; also, of A. J. Murray and others ; also, of L. E. Rice and others of Toronto ; also, of Robert W. Steacy and others ; also, of James Fulton and others of St. Thomas ; also, of John Urquhart and others, severally praying that the Bill before the House relating to the affiliation of Medical Colleges may become law.

Of the County Council of Oxford, praying for a statutory definition of what shall constitute a lawful roadway.

Mr. Harcourt, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Twelfth Report, which was read as follows and adopted :—

The Committee have carefully considered

Bill (No. 85), "An Act respecting the Town of Prescott and the Imperial Starch Company, Limited," and

Bill (No. 84), "An Act to confirm by-law number 895 of the Town of Peterborough, and have made certain amendments thereto respectively.

The Committee have also amended the preambles to Bills Nos. 85 and 84 respectively, so as to make the same conform with the facts as they appear to the Committee.

Mr. Dryden, from the Standing Committee on Railways, presented their Sixth Report, which was read as follows and adopted :—

The Committee have carefully considered the following Bills, and have prepared certain amendments thereto respectively, and have also amended the preambles thereto so as to make the same conform with the facts as they appear to the Committee.

Bill (No. 53), Respecting The Toronto Suburban Street Railway Company, Limited and

Bill (No. 47), To incorporate The Ottawa and Dundas Railway Company.

Mr. Charlton, from the select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented their Second Report, which was read as follows :—

The Committee beg leave to present the following Resolution : "That this Committee report requesting an order of the House for the production of the Accounts for the years 1897 and 1898 in connection with the receipts and expenditures upon the London Asylum farm and garden, and any other matters connected therewith."

Resolved, That this House doth concur in the Second Report of the Committee on Public Accounts.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 207), intituled "An Act respecting the payment of Wolf Bounty." Mr. Ross.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Bill (No. 208), intituled "An Act respecting Police Villages." Mr. Holmes.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Bill (No. 209), intituled "An Act respecting the debt of the Township of Dunwich."

Mr. Ross.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Bill (No. 210), intituled "An Act to amend the Drainage Act." Mr. Pardee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Bill (No. 211), intituled "An Act to amend the Provincial Criminal Justice Accounts Act." Mr. Pardee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

On motion of Mr. Carscallen, seconded by Mr. Foy,

Ordered, That Bill (No. 167), Respecting Stationary Engines and Boilers, be referred to a Select Committee to be composed as follows : Messieurs Latchford, Dickens, Truax, Pardee, Bowman, Lumsden, Hoyle, Lucas, Crawford, Wardell and Carscallen.

The following Bill was read the third time and passed :—

Bill (No. 49), To amend an Act authorizing the issue of debentures by St. George's Cathedral Church, Kingston.

Mr. Preston moved, seconded by Mr. Douglas,

That in the opinion of this House all Government contracts should contain such conditions as will prevent abuses which may arise from the subletting of such contracts, and that every effort should be made to secure the payment of such wages as are generally accepted as current in each trade for competent workmen in the district where the work is carried out, and that this House cordially concurs in such policy and deems it the duty of the Government to take immediate steps to give effect thereto ; and it is hereby resolved that the work to which the foregoing policy shall apply, includes not only work undertaken by the Government itself, but also all works aided by a grant of Provincial public funds, and that the aforesaid policy shall be forthwith applied to every Department of the Public Service and to all parties now performing services for the Government.

Mr. Whitney moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Matheson,

That the following words be added to the Resolution : "and that the opinion of this House in these respects, be embodied in an Act of this Legislature."

Mr. Gibson then moved in amendment to the Amendment, seconded by Mr. Harcourt,

That all the words after the first word "That" in the amendment, be struck out and the following substituted therefor : "this House is further of opinion that in all appropriate cases the legislation of this House should be in harmony with this Resolution."

And the amendment to the Amendment, having been put, was carried on the following division :—

YEAS.

Messieurs :

Auld	Conmee	Hill	Pattullo
Aylsworth	Davis	Hislop	Preston
Barber	Dickenson	Holmes	Ross
Beatty (Parry Sound)	Douglas	Latchford	Russell
Bleizard	Dryden	Leys	Smith
Bowman	Farwell	Lumsden	Stratton
Bridgland	Ferguson	Malcolm	Taylor
Brown	Gibson	Mutrie	Truax
Burt	Graham	McKay	Tucker—45.
Carpenter	Guibord	McKee	
Charlton	Harcourt	Pardee	
Clarke	Harty	Pardo	

NAYS.

Messieurs :

Allen	Eilber	Kidd	McLaughlin
Boyd	Fallis	Kribs	Powell
Brower	Foy	Little	Pyne
Carnegie	Fox	Marter	Reid (Addington)
Carscallen	Gallagher	Matheson	Reid (Durham)
Colquhoune	Hoyle	Miscampbell	Robson
Crawford	Jamieson	Monteith	Thompson
Dempsey	Jessop	Morrison	Wardell
Duff	Joynt	McDiarmid	Whitney.—36.

PAIRS.

Richardson	.....	.....	.....	McDonald.
Caldwell	.....	.....	.....	Barr.
Pettypiece	.....	.....	.....	Lucas.
German	.....	.....	.....	Beatty (Leeds).
Loughrin	.....	.....	.....	White.

The Amendment, as amended, having been then put, was carried.

The Main Motion, as amended, having been then put, was carried, and it was

Resolved, That in the opinion of this House all Government contracts should contain such conditions as will prevent abuses which may arise from the subletting of such contracts, and that every effort should be made to secure the payment of such wages as are generally accepted as current in each trade for competent workmen in the district where the work is carried out, and that this House cordially concurs in such policy and deems it the duty of the Government to take immediate steps to give effect thereto; and it is hereby resolved that the work to which the foregoing policy shall apply, includes not only work undertaken by the Government itself, but also all works aided by a grant of Provincial public funds, and that the aforesaid policy shall be forthwith applied to every Department of the Public Service and to all parties now performing services for the Government. That this House is further of opinion that in all appropriate cases the legislation of this House should be in harmony with this Resolution.

On motion of Mr. Joynt, seconded by Mr. Tucker,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of copies of all correspondence and papers, between any member of the Government, or any official thereof, or any other person or persons, in reference to a claim made by the Counties of Leeds and Grenville against the Government *re* Criminal Justice Account, shewing as well, the balance due the Counties.

On motion of Mr. McKay, seconded by Mr. Auld,

Ordered, That the Rules of the House be suspended, for this day, and that leave be given to present a Petition from the Municipality of East Toronto, and that the same be now read and received.

The following Petition was then read and received :—

Of the Town Council of East Toronto, praying that an Act may pass to enlarge and extend the limits of the municipality.

The House resolved itself into a Committee, severally to consider the following Bills :—

Bill (No. 44), Respecting the Town of Fort William.

Bill (No. 25), Respecting the corporation of the Town of Preston.

Bill (No. 62), To incorporate the Victoria Mines Railway Company.

Bill (No. 41), Respecting the Town of Lindsay and the Lindsay Waterworks.

Bill (No. 31), To authorize the Town of Port Hope to raise money for water-works purposes.

Bill (No. 73), Respecting By-law 1797, 1920 and 1974 of the City of Ottawa.

Bill No. 21), To authorize the sale of certain lands by the Public School Board of the Township of Pelee in the County of Essex.

Bill (No. 57), Respecting By-laws Nos. 1458, 1628, 1707 and 1973 of the City of Ottawa.

Bill (No. 70), To consolidate the floating debt of the Township of Anderdon.

Bill (No. 11), To confirm By-law No. 350 of the Town of Harriston.

Bill (No. 33), Respecting the City of London.

Bill (No. 29), Respecting the City of Windsor.

Bill (No. 68), Respecting the Town of Kincardine.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills with certain Amendments.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bills reported, be severally read the third time To-morrow.

The following Bills were severally read the second time :—

Bill (No. 32), To revive, extend and amend an Act to incorporate the Ingersoll Radial Electric Railway Company.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 160), Respecting the Sudbury and Nipissing Railway Company.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 45), To incorporate the Camp Bay and Crow Lake Railway and Development Company.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 185), To amend the Municipal Light and Heat Act.
Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 188), To amend the Municipal Act.
Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 190), To amend the Act for the protection of Sheep, and to impose a tax on dogs.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 191), To amend the Municipal Drainage Act.
Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 196), To amend the Municipal Act.
Referred to the Municipal Committee.

On motion of Mr. Lumsden, seconded by Mr. Graham,

Ordered, That the Order of the Day for consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bill (No. 56), To confirm a certain By-law and Agreement of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior, be discharged, and the Bill recommitted to the Committee on Private Bills for further consideration and report.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 152), To amend the Municipal Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 175), To amend the Public Schools Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 182), To amend the Division Courts Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

Mr. Stratton presented to the House by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor :—

Report of the Master of Titles for the year 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 68.*)

Also — Return to an Order of the House of the thirty-first day of March, 1899, for a Return, giving information under the following heads, respecting bonuses and exemptions to manufacturing industries granted by each municipality in the Province since the year 1870 :—1. Amount of aid by way of absolute bonus and the names of firms or companies receiving same. 2. Amount of aid by way of loan, with names of firms or companies

receiving same and the amount of such loan or loans repaid to each municipality. 3. Number of factories which have been granted exemptions from taxation in whole or in part, and approximately the amount of such exemption based on municipal assessor's estimate of the rateable property of each industry. 4. Number of firms or companies which have received municipal aid in any form, more than once. 5. Number of such firms or companies which have failed or removed from the municipalities which gave them aid by way of bonus, loan or exemption. (*Sessional Papers No. 69.*)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the seventh day of March, 1900, for a Return, of copies of all correspondence between the Government or any member thereof, or any official of the Government and the County Crown Attorney of Elgin, or any other person, in connection with the cases of Queen vs. Bole, and Queen vs. Cahill. (*Sessional Papers No. 70.*)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the twenty-sixth day of March, 1900, for a Return shewing names, or the official numbers, of Boys reprieved from the Penetanguishene Reformatory, and of Girls reprieved from the Industrial Refuge for Girls, Toronto, during the two years previous to the first February, 1900. The date when the reprieve was recommended by the Warden or Superintendent. The date when the reprieve was finally granted. (*Sessional Papers No. 71.*)

The House then adjourned at 9.40 p.m.

Thursday, 5th April, 1900.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. Hill, the Petition of the County Council of York.

By Mr. Truax, the Petition of A. B. Mearns and others of Hanover.

By Mr. Barber, the Petition of B. Garbert and others of Kilbride.

The following Petitions were severally read and received :—

Of Donald McLeod and others ; also, of H. H. Pringle and others ; also, of E. B. O'Reilly, and others of Hamilton ; also, of W. A. Johnson, and others of Fergus, severally praying that the Bill before the House relating to the affiliation of Medical Colleges may become law.

Of James Haighte, and others of Elgin, praying that the Bill before the House relating to the Port Stanley Electric Street Railway may not pass.

Of the County Council of York, praying certain amendments to the Municipal Law, respecting liabilities of Counties in cases of Cities annexing territory from Counties.

Of the County Council of York, praying legislation preventing street railways from obtaining or holding a monopoly of any highway to the prevention of suburban railways.

Mr. McKay, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented their Twelfth Report, which was read as follows and adopted :—

The Committee have carefully examined the following Petitions and find the notices as published in each case sufficient :

Of Richard Todd Wilson and others of Dundas, praying that an Act may pass to confirm certain appointments of Trustees and vesting certain lands in him and his heirs in fee.

Of the Ottawa Young Men's Christian Association, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate them.

Mr. McKay, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented their Thirteenth Report, which was read as follows and adopted :—

The Committee has carefully examined the Petition of the City Council of Stratford praying that an Act may pass to empower the Corporation to pass a By-law in aid of the re-building of a certain furniture factory, and find that notice of the proposed application to this Legislature first appeared in the " Ontario Gazette " on the 31st March last, and they are also informed that such notice is now appearing in the issues of " The Beacon," " The Herald " and " The Colonist," said newspapers being published in the City of Stratford.

The Committee is also informed that the necessity for the proposed legislation is of very recent date, the factory which it is proposed to aid in re-building, having been destroyed no later than the 1st day of March last.

The Committee is also informed that the vote on the before mentioned By-law will be taken on Tuesday next the 10th instant, and that a declaration shewing that the citizens have been fully notified of the proposed legislation will be filed. The Committee is also informed that there is no opposition to the Bill.

In view of the foregoing, the Committee is of the opinion that all parties interested have had ample opportunity of becoming aware of the proposed legislation and therefore recommend that the Rule of this Honorable House requiring six weeks notice, be suspended in this case and that the notice be considered sufficient.

Mr. McKay, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented their Fourteenth Report, which was read as follows and adopted :—

The Committee have carefully examined the Petition of the Town Council of East Toronto praying that an Act may pass to enlarge and extend the limits of the municipality, and they have had a declaration filed before it setting forth that notice of the proposed application to this Legislature has been published in the issues of the " Daily Globe " on the 9th, 10th, 14th, 17th, 21st, 24th and 28th days of March last, and also in the " East Toronto Tribune " on the 9th, 16th and 23rd days of March last, and that instructions have been given the " Tribune " newspaper to publish the advertisement in its issue of the 30th March last, and that notices have been mailed to each of the rate-payers in the municipalities of York Township, and the Village of East Toronto, who reside in the territory proposed to be taken in and formed into the Town of East Toronto.

The Committee consider this a matter in which the Rules of this Honourable House requiring six weeks publication, should be complied with, and therefore find the notice insufficient.

Mr. Harcourt, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Thirteenth Report, which was read as follows and adopted :—

The Committee have carefully considered

Bill (No. 81), "An Act respecting the Town of Listowel," and

Bill (No. 14), "An Act to confirm by-law No. 1254, of the City of St. Catharines," and have made certain amendments thereto respectively.

The Committee have also amended the preambles to Bills Nos. 81 and 14 so as to make the same conform with the facts as they appear to the Committee.

The Committee recommend that the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 161), "An Act to enable the City of Toronto to acquire the rights, franchises, and privileges of The Consumers' Gas Company" on the ground that the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, rejected the Bill (No. 161), on account of the publication of notice of the Petition for the Bill being insufficient.

Ordered, That the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 161), City of Toronto and Consumers' Gas Company.

Mr. Charlton, from the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented their Third Report, which was read as follows :—

The Committee beg leave to present the following Resolutions : "That an Order of the House be granted authorizing Abby Bros., of Owen Sound, to make a thorough inspection of the steam yacht Gilphie, and that the member of the firm making the inspection be summoned to appear before the Committee to give evidence. Also, "That an Order of the House be granted authorizing Capt. John Simpson, of Owen Sound, to inspect the steam yacht Gilphie at any time."

Resolved, That this House doth concur in the Third Report of the Committee on Public Accounts.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 165), intituled "An Act vesting certain lands in Richard Todd Wilson." Mr. Wardell.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 86), intituled "An Act to incorporate the Ottawa Young Men's Christian Association." Mr. Lumsden.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 213), intituled "An Act to provide Provincial Aid for the establishment of Sanitaria for Consumptives." Mr. Stratton.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

Bill (No. 214), intituled "An Act to amend the Agriculture and Arts Act." Mr. Hill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 215), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Richardson.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 216), intituled "An Act to amend the Assessment Act."—Mr. Taylor.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 217), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Mutrie.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 218), intituled "An Act respecting Cheese and Butter Manufacturing Associations and Companies." Mr. Dryden.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

Bill (No. 219), intituled "An Act to amend the Public Health Act." Mr. Lumsden.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 220), intituled "An Act to amend the Act respecting the slaughtering of Cattle and inspection of Meat and Milk in Cities and Towns." Mr. Lumsden.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Brower, seconded by Mr. Holmes,

Ordered, That Bill (No. 27), Respecting the Port Stanley Electric Street Railway Company, Limited, be recommitted to the Standing Committee on Railways, with instructions to re-consider the same.

On motion of Mr. Dryden, seconded by Mr. Davis,

Resolved, That this House will on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolution :—

That the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may by Order-in-Council direct that out of any moneys voted by the Legislative Assembly for the purpose, there may be paid to any Co-operative Cold Storage Association incorporated under this Act a sum not exceeding one-fifth of the cost of the construction and equipment of any building erected for cold storage purposes by any such association provided that no association shall receive a larger amount than \$500. And provided that no payment shall be made until the Commissioner of Public Works of the Province of Ontario has reported that he has caused the building to be examined and that as to structure, equipment and all reasonable essentials for cold storage purposes, such building will supply effectual cold storage for the products of the dairy, orchard and farm and such other products as are usually placed in cold storage for preservation; and provided that no payment shall be made after the expiration of five years from the date of the passing of the Act.

On motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Gibson,

Resolved, That this House will on Tuesday next, resolve itself a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolution :—

That the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may by Order-in-Council direct that out of any moneys that may be voted by the Legislative Assembly for that purpose, shall be paid to any municipality or municipalities which have heretofore erected or may here-

after erect buildings for cold storage purposes a sum not exceeding one-fifth of the cost of the construction and equipment of such cold storage buildings, provided that no such grant shall in any case exceed the sum of \$500.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 137), To provide for the incorporation of Co-operative Cold Storage Associations; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill, with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The following Bills were severally read the second time :—

Bill (No. 91), To amend the San José Scale Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 186), Respecting Provincial Aid toward the establishment of Cold Storage Buildings.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 178), To amend the Charity Aid Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow,

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty, for the services of 1900, the following sums :—

26. To defray the expenses of the Asylum for the Insane, London	\$132,270 00
27. To defray the expenses of the Asylum for the Insane, Kingston.....	\$ 74,174 00
28. To defray the expenses of the Asylum for the Insane, Hamilton.....	\$120,612 00
29. To defray the expenses of the Branch Asylum at Mimico	\$ 76,194 00
30. To defray the expenses of the Asylum for the Insane, Brockville	\$ 70 225 00
31. To defray the expenses of the Asylum for Idiots, Orillia.....	\$ 62,817 00
32. To defray the expenses of the Central Prison, Toronto	\$ 62 100 00
33. To defray the expenses of the Reformatory for Boys, Penetanguishene	\$ 27,810 00
34. To defray the expenses of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, Belleville	\$ 44,546 00
35. To defray the expenses of the Institution for the Blind, Brantford..	\$ 32,242 00
36. To defray the expenses of the Andrew Mercer Reformatory, Toronto.	\$ 24,275 00
37. To defray the expenses of Immigration	\$ 7,125 00

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions ; also, That the Committee had directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 10.20 p.m.

Friday, April 6, 1900.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. Davis, the Petition of T. L. Read and others of Burriss.

By Mr. Carpenter, the Petition of Aaron Beam and others of Teeterville.

By Mr. Beatty (Leeds), the Petition of D. Perkins and others.

By Mr. Monteith, the Petition of Alexander Ferguson.

By Mr. Bowman, the Petition of A. H. Hough and others.

By Mr. Loughrin, the Petition of J. B. Carrothers and others.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of C. Hare and others ; also, of D. W. Carroll and others ; also, of James S. Sprague and others ; also, of Thomas Brown and others ; also, of Robert Aylward and others ; also, of O. R. Gunne and others ; also, of James W. Osborne and others ; also, of David Jamieson and others ; also, of J. C. Mitchell and others ; also, of A. S. Tilley ; also, of John F. Palling and others ; also, of J. B. H. McClinton and others ; also, of E. Zinkham and others ; also, of C. V. Anderson and others, severally praying that the Bill before the House respecting the affiliation of Medical Colleges may become law.

Of the City Council of Stratford, praying certain amendments to the Municipal Act, respecting the election and resignation of a member of Council.

Mr. Harcourt, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Fourteenth Report, which was read as follows and adopted :—

The Committee have carefully considered

Bill (No. 38), "An Act respecting the City of St. Catharines," and have made certain amendments thereto.

The Committee has also amended the preamble to the Bill, so as to make the same conform with the facts as they appear to the Committee.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 221), intituled "An Act to amend the Act for the prevention of Accidents by Fire in Hotels, and other like buildings." Mr. Carpenter.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

Bill (No. 222), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Hill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

Bill (No. 223), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Arbitration Act."
Mr. Hill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

Bill (No. 224), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Leys.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

Bill (No. 225), intituled "An Act to amend the Ontario Shops Regulation Act."
Mr. Holmes.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

Bill (No. 226), intituled "An Act to amend the Ontario Companies Act." Mr. Stratton.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Matheson, seconded by Mr. Crawford,

Ordered, That Bill (No. 66), To enable Cyrus Davis Pinel to practise Dentistry, be recommitted to the Standing Committee on Private Bills, with instructions to reconsider the same.

On motion of Mr. German, seconded by Mr. Lumsden,

Ordered, That Bill (No. 26), To incorporate the Queenston, St. Catharines and Port Dalhousie Electric Railway Company, be again referred to the Standing Committee on Railways, for further consideration and report.

On motion of Mr. Duff, seconded by Mr. White,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return shewing the quantity of binder twine sold during the season of 1899. To whom sold, with names of purchasers and price per pound received. Shewing, as well, the names of persons still indebted to the Government, and to what amount, in each case.

On motion of Mr. Hoyle, seconded by Mr. Barr,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return shewing the various unexpended grants to railways; the amounts authorized to be paid in cash subsidies, if earned, and grants of lands in the Province, if earned.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 136), Relating to Medical Colleges and Schools in affiliation with the University of Toronto, having been read

Mr. McKay moved,

That the Bill be now read the second time.

And a Debate having arisen, it was

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Monday next.

The following Bills were severally read the second time :—

Bill (No. 177), To amend the Assessment Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 197), To amend the Assessment Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 198), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 85), Respecting the Town of Prescott and the Imperial Starch Company, Limited.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 84), To confirm By-law No. 895 of the Town of Peterborough.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 53), Respecting the Toronto Suburban Street Railway Company, Limited.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 47), To incorporate the Ottawa and Dundas Railway Company.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 81), Respecting the Town of Listowel.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 14), To confirm By-law No. 1254 of the City of St. Catharines.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee, severally to consider the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 71), Respecting the Town of Smith's Falls,

Bill (No. 48), To incorporate the Huntsville and Lake of Bays Railway Company.

Bill (No. 34), To incorporate the Woodstock, Thames Valley and Ingersoll Electric Railway Company.

Bill (No. 55), To incorporate the Wabigoon, Manitou and Rainy Lake Railway Company.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. McKay reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills without amendments.

Ordered, That the Bills reported, be severally read the third time on Monday next.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 124), Allowing Municipalities to adopt Proportionate Representation, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

Mr. Auld moved, seconded by Mr. Conmee,

That the Petition of the Town Council of East Toronto, praying that an Act may pass to enlarge and extend the limits of the Town, reported upon by the Fourteenth Report of the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, be again referred to the Committee, with instructions to reconsider the same.

And a Debate ensuing,

The motion was, by leave of the House withdrawn.

Mr. Stratton presented to the House by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor :—

Report of the Inspector of Factories for the year 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 8.*)

Report of the Inspector of Insurance and Registrar of Friendly Societies. (*Sessional Papers No. 10.*)

Report of Loan Corporations for the year 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 11.*)

Report of the Bee-keepers' Associations of the Province for the year 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 20.*)

Report of the Ontario Game and Fish Commissioners for the year 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 27.*)

Also Return to an Order of the House of the sixth day of April instant for a Return, showing the quantity of binder twine sold during the season of 1899. To whom sold, with names of purchasers and price *per* pound received. Shewing as well, the names of persons still indebted to the Government, and to what amount, in each case. (*Sessional Papers No. 72.*)

The House then adjourned at 5.45 p.m.

Monday, 9th April, 1900.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petition was brought up and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. Eilber, the Petition of William Forrist, and others, of Ontario.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of W. A. Mearns, and others, of Hanover; also, of B. Carbert, and others, of Kilbride, severally praying that the Bill before the House relating to the affiliation of Medical Colleges may become law.

Of the County Council of York, praying legislation empowering County Councils to exempt Forest lands from taxation.

Mr. Dryden, from the Select Committee to which was referred Bill (No. 153), Respecting the Barberry Shrub, presented its First Report, which was read as follows :—

The Committee recommend that, with a view to the making of a more thorough enquiry into the matter to it referred, it be empowered to summon witnesses and take evidence in relation thereto.

Resolved, That this House doth concur in the First Report of the Select Committee on Bill (No. 153), Barberry Shrub.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 227), intituled "An Act to amend the Ontario Factories Act." Mr. Marter.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Wednesday next.

Bill (No. 228), intituled "An Act respecting the Fisheries of Ontario." Mr. Latchford.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Wednesday next.

Bill (No. 229), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Lumsden.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Wednesday next.

Bill (No. 230), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Lumsden.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Wednesday next.

Bill (No. 231), intituled "An Act to amend the Act respecting Master and Servant." Mr. Lucas.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Wednesday next.

Bill (No. 232), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Drainage Act."—Mr. Pardo.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Wednesday next.

Bill (No. 233), intituled "An Act to amend the Mines Act." Mr. Davis.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Wednesday next.

Bill (No. 212), intituled "An Act to enable the City of Stratford to guarantee for \$30,000 to be borrowed by George McLagan." Mr. Brown.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

The House resolved itself into a Committee severally to consider the following Bills :—

Bill (No. 87), Respecting the Town of Collingwood.

Bill (No. 69), To incorporate the Nickel Belt Railway.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills without amendments.

Ordered, That the Bills reported be severally read the third time To-morrow.

On Motion of Mr. Marter, seconded by Mr. Whitney,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of copies of all correspondence between the License Commissioners or License Inspector for the East Riding of the County of Lambton, or any person, relating to the issuing of a Liquor License in the village of Thedford for the year 1900.

The following Bills were severally read the second time :—

Bill (No. 194), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 204), To amend the Division Courts Act.

Referred to the Legal Committee.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 183), To amend the Municipal Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the second Reading of Bill (No. 189), To amend the Surrogate Courts Act, having been read,

Mr. Wardell moved,

That the Bill be now read the second time.

And the motion, having been put, was lost on a division.

And so it was declared in the negative.

Mr. Stratton presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor :—

Report of the Registrar of Live Stock for the year 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 73*)

The House then adjourned at 4.50 p.m.

Tuesday, 10th April, 1900.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. Brown, the Petition of George McLagan of Stratford.

By Mr. Leys, the Petition of Walter H. Moorhouse, and others, of London.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of Aaron Beam, and others; also, of D. Perkins, and others; also, of Alexander Ferguson, and others; also, of J. B. Carruthers, and others; also, of A. H. Hough, and others, severally praying that the Bill before the House relating to the affiliation of Medical Colleges may become law.

Of T. L. Read, and others, of Burris, respecting the proposed route of the Ontario and Rainy River Railway.

Mr. Harcourt, from the Standing Committee on Privates Bills, presented their Fifteenth Report, which was read as follows and adopted :—

The Committee have again carefully considered

Bill (No. 66), "An Act to enable Cyrus Davis Pinel to practise Dentistry," which Bill was recommitted to the Committee by the House for further consideration, and report the same with amendments.

The Committee recommend that the Order of this House remitting the fees, less the actual cost of printing on the Bill be rescinded, on the ground that the Bill (No. 66), has been reported on by the Committee, to the House, as instructed.

Mr. Dryden, from the Standing Committee on Railways, presented their Seventh Report, which was read as follows, and adopted :—

The Committee have carefully considered Bill (No. 162), Respecting the Pacific and Atlantic Railway Company, and have amended the Preamble thereto, so as to make the same conform with the facts as they appear to the Committee, and have prepared certain other amendments to the Bill.

The Committee have also considered Bill (No. 26), To incorporate the Queenston, St. Catharines and Port Dalhousie Electric Railway Company, recommitted to the Committee by the House for further consideration and report, and the Committee report the Bill without amendment.

The Committee recommend that Rule No. 51 of this Honourable House be further suspended in this that the time for receiving reports of Committees relative to Private Bills be further extended until and inclusive of Thursday the 19th day of April instant.

Ordered, that the Order of the House *in re* the remission of the fees on Bill (No. 66), Cyrus Davis Pinel, be rescinded.

Ordered, that the time for receiving Reports from Committees on Private Bills be extended until and inclusive of Thursday, the 19th day of April, instant.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 235), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Harcourt.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 236), intituled "An Act to amend the Mechanics' and Wage-Earners' Lien Act." Mr. Leys.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

The following Bills were severally read the third time and passed :—

Bill (No. 5), To consolidate the debt of the Township of Sheffield.

Bill (No. 16), Respecting the Town of Dunnville.

Bill (No. 1), To consolidate the floating debt of the Town of Sudbury.

Bill (No. 58), Respecting an agreement between the City of Stratford and the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada.

Bill (No. 18), Respecting the Town of Meaford.

Bill (No. 50), Respecting By-law No. 483 of the Town of Barrie.

Bill (No. 20), Respecting the Town of Oshawa.

Bill (No. 43), Respecting the Manitoulin and North Shore Railway Company.

Bill (No. 35), To confirm and legalize a By-law and Agreement of the Town of Collingwood.

Bill (No. 44), Respecting the Town of Fort William.

Bill (No. 62), To incorporate the Victoria Mines Railway Company.

Bill (No. 73), Respecting By-laws 1797, 1920 and 1974 of the City of Ottawa.

Bill (No. 33), Respecting the City of London.

Bill (No. 48), To incorporate the Huntsville and Lake of Bays Railway Company.

Bill (No. 34), To incorporate the Woodstock, Thames Valley and Ingersoll Electric Railway Company.

On motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Gibson,

Resolved, That this House will, on Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolution :—

That with the view of still further encouraging the destruction of wolves the bounty payable for every wolf's head, now fixed at \$10 by R. S. O. chap. 290, An Act to encourage the destroying of Wolves, be increased to \$15; that the rebate payable by the Provincial Treasurer to counties on wolves killed therein be increased from \$4 to \$6; and that where wolves are killed in any district of the Province which does not form part of any county, or in the Provisional County of Haliburton, the said bounty of \$15 be wholly paid by the Provincial Treasurer out of such moneys as may be voted by the Legislature for the purpose.

On motion of Mr. Stratton, seconded by Mr. Dryden,

Resolved, That this House doth ratify the following Orders in Council approved by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, on the twelfth day of January; eighth day of February, and third day of April, 1900 :—

Upon consideration of the report of Mr. Inspector Chamberlain, dated 27th December, 1899, and upon the recommendation of the Honourable the Provincial Secretary, the Committee of Council advise that, subject to the ratification of this Order by the Legislative Assembly, the General Hospital, Sault Ste. Marie, be hereafter taken as named in Schedule "A" of The Charity Aid Act, and receive aid in accordance therewith from the 1st day of October, 1898.

Certified,

J. LONSDALE CAPREOL,

Assistant Clerk, Executive Council.

Upon consideration of the report of Mr. Inspector Chamberlain, dated 21st November, 1899, and upon the recommendation of the Honourable the Provincial Secretary, the Committee of Council advise that, subject to the ratification of this Order by the Legislative Assembly, the General Hospital, Parry Sound, be hereafter taken as named in Schedule "A" of The Charity Aid Act, and receive aid in accordance therewith from the 1st day of May, 1899.

Certified,

J. LONSDALE CAPREOL,

Assistant Clerk, Executive Council.

Upon consideration of the report of Mr. Inspector Chamberlain, dated 17th January, 1900, and upon the recommendation of the Honourable the Provincial Secretary, the Committee of Council advise that, subject to the ratification of this Order by

the Legislative Assembly, the Aged Men's Home, Toronto, be hereafter taken as named in Schedule "B" of The Charity Aid Act, and receive aid in accordance therewith from the 1st day of July, 1899.

Certified,

J. LONSDALE CAPREOL,

Assistant Clerk, Executive Council.

Upon consideration of the report of Mr. Inspector Chamberlain, dated 20th February, 1900, and upon the recommendation of the Honourable the Provincial Secretary, the Committee of Council advise that, subject to the ratification of this Order by the Legislative Assembly, the Home for the Aged and Infirm, Bowmanville, be hereafter taken as named in Schedule "B" of The Charity Aid Act, and receive aid in accordance therewith from the 1st day of October, 1899.

Certified,

J. LONSDALE CAPREOL,

Assistant Clerk, Executive Council.

Upon consideration of the report of Mr. Inspector Chamberlain, dated 27th March, 1900, and upon the recommendation of the Honourable the Provincial Secretary, the Committee of Council advise that, subject to the ratification of this Order by the Legislative Assembly, the Good Shepherd Female Refuge, Toronto, be hereafter taken as named in Schedule "B" of The Charity Aid Act, and receive aid in accordance therewith from the 1st day of October, 1899, for adults only.

Certified,

J. LONSDALE CAPREOL,

Assistant Clerk Executive Council.

The following Bills were severally read the second time :—

Bill (No. 97), Respecting the manufacture of Spruce and other Pulp Wood cut on the Crown Domain.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No 200), To improve the High Schools Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 201), To improve the Public Schools Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 202), To amend the Trustees Investment Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 203), Respecting Industrial Schools.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 207), Respecting the payment of Wolf Bounty.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 209), Respecting the debt of the Township of Dunwich.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee to consider a certain proposed Resolution respecting the construction and equipment of buildings erected for cold storage purposes, having been read,

Mr. Ross acquainted the House that his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolution, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

The House then resolved itself into the Committee.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, That the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may by Order-in-Council direct that out of any moneys voted by the Legislative Assembly for the purpose, there may be paid to any Co-operative Cold Storage Association incorporated under the Act a sum not exceeding one-fifth of the cost of the construction and equipment of any building erected for cold storage purposes by any such association, provided that no association shall receive a larger amount than \$500. And provided that no payment shall be made until the Commissioner of Public Works of the Province of Ontario has reported that he has caused the building to be examined, and that as to structure, equipment and all reasonable essentials for cold storage purposes, such building will supply effectual cold storage for the products of the dairy, orchard and farm and such other products as are usually placed in cold storage for preservation ; and provided that no payment shall be made after the expiration of five years from the date of the passing of the Act.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Charlton reported the Resolution as follows :—

Resolved, That the Lieutenant Governor in Council may by Order-in-Council direct that out of any moneys voted by the Legislative Assembly for the purpose, there may be paid to any Co-operative Cold Storage Association incorporated under the Act a sum not exceeding one-fifth of the cost of the construction and equipment of any building erected for cold storage purposes by any such association, provided that no association shall receive a larger amount than \$500. And provided that no payment shall be made until the Commissioner of Public Works of the Province of Ontario has reported that he has caused the building to be examined, and that as to structure, equipment and all reasonable essentials for cold storage purposes, such building will supply effectual cold storage for the products of the dairy, orchard and farm and such other products as are usually placed in cold storage for preservation ; and provided that no payment shall be made after the expiration of five years from the date of the passing of the Act.

The Resolution having been read the second time, was agreed to, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 137), To provide for the incorporation of Co-operative Cold Storage Associations.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 91), To amend the San José Scale Act ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 178), To amend the Charity Aid Act ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty, for the services of 1900, the following sums :—

38. To defray the expenses of special grants for Agricultural purposes.	\$ 153,050 00
39. To defray the expenses of Ontario Agricultural College	\$ 30,117 00
40. To defray the expenses of Experimental Farm and Feeding	\$ 3,455 00
41. To defray the expenses of Experimental Plots	\$ 6,371 00
42. To defray the expenses of Experimental Dairy.....	\$ 2,345 00
43. To defray the expenses of Central Dairy School	\$ 3,175 00
44. To defray the expenses of Poultry Department.....	\$ 905 00
45. To defray the expenses of Horticultural Department.....	\$ 5,082 00
46. To defray the expenses of Mechanical Department	\$ 1,225 00

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions ; also, that the Committee had directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned debate on the motion, and amendment, *in re ratification of Agreement with Spanish River Pulp and Paper Company*, having been read,

The Debate was resumed.

And after some time,

Mr. Ross moved in amendment to the Amendment, seconded by Mr. Gibson,

That all the words after the word "That" in the Amendment be struck out and the following words added to the original motion : "this House believing that until, as the result of further experience in the sale and disposition of pulp wood, it is found practicable to establish general regulations on the subject, the control of the amount of dues which may be charged, including the power to increase the same from time to time, as well as the numerous advantageous stipulations on behalf of the Crown contained in the said agreement, amply safeguard the best interests of the Province, and that every facility should be afforded for encouraging the establishment of important manufacturing and industrial enterprises in the northerly and unorganized portions of the Province."

And the amendment to the Amendment, having been put, was carried on the following division :—

YEAS.

Messieurs :

Auld	Connée	Harty	Pardee
Aylsworth	Davis	Hill	Pardo
Barber	Dickenson	Hislop	Pattullo
Beatty (Parry Sound)	Douglas	Holmes	Preston
Bleazard	Dryden	Latchford	Ross
Bowman	Farwell	Leys	Russell
Bridgland	Ferguson	Lougbrin	Smith
Brown	German	Lumsden	Stratton
Burt	Gibson	Malcolm	Taylor
Carpenter	Graham	Mutrie	Truax.—46
Charlton	Guibord	McKay	
Clarke	Harcourt	McKee	

NAYS.

Messieurs :

Allen	Eilber	Little	Powell
Barr	Fallis	Lucas	Pyne
Beatty (Leeds)	Foy	Marter	Reid (Durham)
Boyd	Fox	Matheson	Robson
Brower	Gallagher	Miscampbell	Thompson
Carscallen	Hoyle	Monteith	Tucker
Colquhoun	Jamieson	Morrison	Wardell
Crawford	Jessop	McDiarmid	White
Dempsey	Joynt	McDonald	Whitney.—39
Duff	Kidd	McLaughlin	

PAIRS.

Oaldwell	....	....	....	....	....	....	Reid (Addington),
Pettypiece	....	....	....	....	....	....	Kribs.
Richardson	....	....	....	....	....	....	Carnegie.

The Amendment, as amended, having been then put, was carried.

The original motion, as amended, having been then put, was carried on the following division :—

YEAS.

Messieurs :

Auld	Conmee	Harty	Pardee
Aylsworth	Davis	Hill	Pardo
Barber	Dickenson	Hislop	Pattullo
Beatty (Parry Sound)	Douglas	Holmes	Preston
Bleizard	Dryden	Latchford	Ross
Bowman	Farwell	Leys	Russell
Bridgland	Ferguson	Loughrin	Smith
Brown	German	Lumsden	Stratton
Burt	Gibson	Malcolm	Taylor
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Crawford	Jessop	McDiarmid	White
Dempsey	Joyst	McDonald	Whitney—39
Duff	Kidd	McLaughlin	

PAIRS.

Caldwell	....	....	....	....	....	Reid (Addington).
Pettypiece	....	....	....	....	....	Kribs.
Richardson	....	....	....	....	....	Carnegie.

And it was,

Resolved, That this House doth ratify a certain Agreement, a copy of which was laid upon the Table on the thirteenth day of March instant, made by and between Her Majesty, represented by the Commissioner of Crown Lands, of the one part, and the Spanish River Pulp and Paper Company, of the other part, and bearing date on the 21st day of September, 1899. That this House believing that until, as the result of further experience in the sale and disposition of pulp wood, it is found practicable to establish general regulations on the subject, the control of the amount of dues which may be charged, including the power to increase the same from time to time, as well as the numerous advantageous stipulations on behalf of the Crown contained in the said agreement amply safeguard the best interests of the Province, and that every facility should be afforded for encouraging the establishment of important manufacturing and industrial enterprises in the northerly and unorganized portions of the Province."

Mr. Stratton presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor :—

Reports of Auditor and Standing Committee on Finance for 1899-1900 of the University of Toronto. (*Sessional Papers No. 13.*)

Also—Commercial Report of the Canadian Section of the Imperial Institute. (*Sessional Papers No. 74.*)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the seventh day of March last, for a Return shewing the salary paid to Mr. John Hoskin as Official Guardian. The number and names of the clerks in his office, with dates of appointment, and the salary paid by Government to each. Also shewing what other emoluments are received by Mr. Hoskin as such Official Guardian each year, and what amount of other emolument, if any, was so received or earned by Mr. Hoskin for the year 1899 in his capacity as such official guardian. (*Sessional Papers No. 75.*)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the second day of April, instant, for a Return showing amount of Revenue received during the year 1899, by each of the Departments of Government, as audited and passed by the Commission appointed to investigate and report as to the Finances of the Province. (*Sessional Papers No. 76.*)

The House then adjourned at 10.35 p.m.

Wednesday, 11th April, 1900.

PRAYERS. 3 o'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petition was read and received :—

Of William Forrist and others of Ontario, praying certain amendments to the Game Law respecting the close season for Deer.

Mr. Dryden from the Standing Committee on Railways presented their Eighth Report, which was read as follows and adopted :—

The Committee have carefully considered Bill (No. 163), To amend an Act respecting the Fort Erie Ferry Railway Company and report the Bill without amendment;

The Committee have also considered Bill (No. 168), To amend The Street Railway Act and have prepared certain amendments thereto.

Mr. Harcourt from the Standing Committee on Private Bills presented their Sixteenth Report, which was read as follows and adopted :—

The Committee have carefully considered

Bill (No. 86), "An Act to incorporate the Ottawa Young Men's Christian Association," and

Bill (No. 23), "An Act to confirm By-law No. 452 of the Village of Port Perry," and report the same respectively, without amendment.

The Committee recommend that the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 86), on the ground that it relates to a religious institution, and also on Bill (No. 89), "An Act to authorize William Roger Pringle to practise Medicine, Surgery and Midwifery in the Province of Ontario," on the ground that the Bill has been withdrawn.

Ordered, The fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No 86), Ottawa Young Men's Christian Association, and on Bill (No. 89), William R. Pringle.

On motion of Mr. Pardo, seconded by Mr. McKay,

Ordered, That the Rules of the House be suspended, for this day, and that leave be given to present a Petition from the Town Council of Wallaceburg, and that the same be now read and received, and that leave be also given to introduce a Bill relating to the same.

The following Petition was then read and received :—

Of the Town Council of Wallaceburg praying that an Act may pass to confirm a certain By-law consolidating the floating debt of the Town.

The following Bill was then introduced and read a first time :—

Bill (No. 234), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Wallaceburg." Mr. Pardo. Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 144), For preserving to Canadian Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and Men, now serving Her Majesty in South Africa, their rights of Franchise in Ontario, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 146), To authorize Municipal Grants for the benefit of Canadians on Military Service in South Africa, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The following Bills were severally read the second time :—

Bill (No. 192), To amend the High School Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 205), To amend the Jurors' Act.

Referred to the Legal Committee.

Bill No. 208), Respecting Police Villages.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 210), To amend the Drainage Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 221), To amend the Act for the Prevention of Accidents by Fire in Hotels and other like buildings.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 225), To amend the Ontario Shops Regulation Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 38), Respecting the City of St. Catharines.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 66), To enable Cyrus Davis Pinel to practise Dentistry.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 162), Respecting the Pacific and Atlantic Railway Company.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 213), To provide Provincial Aid for the Establishment of Sanatoria for Consumptives.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 226), To amend the Ontario Companies Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee, severally to consider the following Bills :—

Bill (No. 72), Respecting the City of Ottawa.

Bill (No. 84), To confirm By-law No. 895 of the Town of Peterborough.

Bill (No. 14), To confirm By-law No. 1254 of the City of St. Catharines.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills without Amendments.

Ordered, That the Bills reported, be severally read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee to consider a certain proposed Resolution respecting the bounty for destruction of Wolves, having been read,

Mr. Ross acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolution, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

The House then resolved itself into the Committee.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, That with the view of still further encouraging the destruction of wolves, the bounty payable for every wolf's head, now fixed at \$10 by R. S. O. chap. 290, An Act to encourage the destroying of Wolves, be increased to \$15 ; that the rebate payable by the Provincial Treasurer to counties on wolves killed therein be increased from \$4 to \$6 ; and that where wolves are killed in any district of the Province which does not form part of any county, or in the Provisional County of Haliburton, the said bounty of \$15 be wholly paid by the Provincial Treasurer out of such moneys as may be voted by the Legislature for the purpose.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Charlton reported the Resolution as follows :—

Resolved, That with the view of still further encouraging the destruction of wolves, the bounty payable for every wolf's head, now fixed at \$10 by R. S. O. Chap. 290, An Act to encourage the destroying of Wolves, be increased to \$15 ; that the rebate payable by the Provincial Treasurer to counties on wolves killed therein be increased from \$4 to \$6 ; and that where wolves are killed in any district of the Province which does not form part of any county, or in the Provisional County of Haliburton, the said bounty of \$15 be wholly paid by the Provincial Treasurer out of such moneys as may be voted by the Legislature for the purpose.

The Resolution having been read the second time, was agreed to, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 207), Respecting the payment of Wolf Bounty.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 200), To improve the High School Act ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 201), To improve the Public Schools Act ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 207), Respecting the payment of Wolf bounty ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker re-

sumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 209), Respecting the debt of the Township of Dunwich ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 220), To amend the Act respecting the slaughtering of Cattle and inspection of Meat and Milk in Cities and Towns, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty, for the services of 1900, the following sums :—

47. To defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities.....	\$ 185,207 85
48. To defray the expenses of maintenance and repairs of Government House	\$ 8,095 00
49. To defray the expenses of maintenance and repairs of Parliament and Departmental Buildings	\$ 36,740 00
50. To defray the expenses of maintenance and repairs of the Education Department, Normal School Buildings.....	\$ 7,200 00
51. To defray the expenses of miscellaneous expenditure of Government and Departmental Buildings.....	\$ 3,640 00
52. To defray the expenses of maintenance and repairs of the Normal and Model Schools, Ottawa.....	\$ 4,400 00
53. To defray the expenses of maintenance and repairs, of the Normal School, London.....	\$ 2,900 00
54. To defray the expenses of maintenance and repairs of the School of Practical Science, Toronto.....	\$ 3,525 00
55. To defray the expenses of maintenance and repairs to the Agricultural College, Guelph.....	\$ 6,700 00
56. To defray the expenses of maintenance and repairs at Osgoode Hall, Toronto.....	\$ 8,840 00
57. To defray the expenses of works at the Asylum for the Insane, Toronto.	\$ 5,373 00
58. To defray the expenses of works at Mimico Branch	\$ 5,290 00
59. To defray the expenses of works at the Asylum for the Insane, London.	\$ 17,764 00

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions; also, That the Committee had directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

Mr. Stratton presented to the House:—

Return to an Order of the House of the sixteenth day of March last, for a Return stating the number of hours female *employés* in factories have to work each day. Also the minimum amount of wages paid *per day* to any female *employé* under the Factory Act. Also, whether separate sanitary conveniences are supplied where male and female *employés* are working, under the Factory Act. And shewing as well what system of Government inspection the factories are now under. (*Sessional Papers No. 77.*)

The House then adjourned at 6 p.m.

Thursday, 12th April, 1900.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petition was brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Pardee, the Petition of the Town Council of Forest.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of Walter H. Moorhouse, and others, of London, praying that the Bill before the House respecting the affiliation of Medical Colleges may become law.

Of George McLagan, of Stratford, praying that the Bill before the House relating to the City of Stratford factory By-law may pass.

Mr. Harcourt, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Seventeenth Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

The Committee have carefully considered

Bill (No. 61), "An Act respecting St. James Cathedral,"

Bill (No. 40), "An Act respecting the Town of Port Arthur,"

Bill (No. 54), "An Act respecting the Municipality of Shuniah,"

Bill (No. 164), "An Act respecting the Algoma Commercial Company, Limited," and

Bill (No. 60), "An Act respecting the Nickel Copper Company of Ontario, Limited," and have made certain amendments thereto respectively.

The Committee have also considered

Bill (No. 65), "An Act respecting By-law No. 248 of the Town of Rat Portage," and report the same without amendment.

The Committee have also amended the title to the Bill (No. 61), so that the same now reads "An Act respecting the Rectory of St. James Cathedral in the City of Toronto."

The Committee have also amended the title to Bill (No. 54), so that the same now reads "An Act respecting the Municipalities of Shuniah and Neebing."

Bill (No. 56), "An Act to confirm a certain by-law and agreement of the Town of Arnprior," having been recommitted to the Committee for further consideration by the House, the Committee have again considered the Bill and report the same with further amendments.

Mr. Dryden, from the Standing Committee on Railways, presented their Ninth Report, which was read as follows and adopted :—

The Committee have carefully considered .

Bill (No. 27), Respecting the Port Stanley Electric Street Railway Company, (Limited), recommitted to the Committee by the House for further consideration and report ;

The Committee find the Preamble of the Bill not proven, on the ground that legislation in the premises is neither necessary nor advisable ;

The Committee again recommend that the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on the Bill.

Mr. Dryden, from the Select Committee to which was referred Bill (No. 153), Respecting the Barberry Shrub, presented their Second Report, which was read as follows and adopted.

The Committee have carefully considered the Bill to them referred, and after hearing evidence, tending to shew the injurious effect of the growth of the Barberry Shrub on growing crops in its immediate vicinity, have prepared certain amendments to the Bill.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 237), intituled "An Act respecting Travelling Shows." Mr. Gibson.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

Bill (No. 238), intituled "An Act to amend the Statute Law." Mr. Gibson.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

Bill (No. 239), intituled "An Act respecting the licensing of Extra-Provincial Corporations." Mr. Stratton.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 63), Respecting the Central Canadian Loan and Savings Company, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Tuesday next.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 6), Respecting the estate of the late Charlotte Elmsley, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Stratton, seconded by Mr. Davis,

Resolved, That this House will on Tuesday next resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolution:—

That the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may grant for the erection of each Sanatorium, whether erected by one municipality or by the joint action of two or more municipalities, one-fifth of the sums expended on the site, buildings and equipment, provided such sum shall not exceed four thousand dollars (\$4,000), said sum to be charged upon the Consolidated Revenue of the Province. The payment of the *per capita* grant to a Sanatorium by order of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall be subject to such regulations regarding inspection and management as may be defined in any Order-in-Council from time to time passed for that purpose.

The Order of the Day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee to consider a certain proposed Resolution, respecting the construction and equipment of Cold Storage Buildings by municipalities, having been read,

Mr. Ross acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolution, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

The House then resolved itself into the Committee.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, That the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may by Order-in-Council direct that out of any moneys that may be voted by the Legislative Assembly for that purpose, shall be paid to any municipality or municipalities which have heretofore erected or may hereafter erect buildings for cold storage purposes, a sum not exceeding one-fifth of the cost of the construction and equipment of such cold storage buildings, provided that no such grant shall in any case exceed the sum of \$500. And provided, further, that any cold storage buildings erected under the Act shall be distant not less than five miles from any other cold storage buildings erected by private capital or erected under any other Act of the Legislature.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Charlton reported the Resolution as follows :—

Resolved, That the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may by Order-in-Council direct that out of any moneys that may be voted by the Legislative Assembly for that purpose, shall be paid to any municipality or municipalities which have heretofore erected or may hereafter erect buildings for cold storage purposes, a sum not exceeding one fifth of the cost of the construction and equipment of such cold storage buildings, provided that no such grant shall in any case exceed the sum of \$500. And provided, further, that any cold storage buildings erected under the Act shall be distant not less than five miles from any other cold storage buildings erected by private capital or erected under any other Act of the Legislature.

The Resolution, having been read the second time, was agreed to, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 186), Respecting Provincial Aid towards the establishment of Cold Storage Buildings.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 98), To amend the Loan Corporations Act ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Tuesday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 186), Respecting Provincial Aid towards the establishment of Cold Storage Buildings ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Tuesday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 176), Respecting Mortgages by Electric Railway Companies or Street Railway Companies ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Tuesday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 181), To amend the Registry Act ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Tuesday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 213), To provide Provincial Aid for the establishment of Sanatoria for Consumptives; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had made some progress and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 202), To amend the Trustees Investment Act; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Tuesday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 226), To amend the Ontario Companies Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Gibson,

Ordered, That when this House adjourns To-day, it do stand adjourned until Tuesday next, the seventeenth instant, at three of the clock in the afternoon.

The House then adjourned at 5.45 p.m.

Tuesday, 17th April, 1900.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Graham, the Petition of George C. L. Lafayette, and others, of Brockville.

By Mr. Matheson, the Petition of the Town Council of Smith's Falls; also, the Petition of J. S. McCallum, and others, of Smith's Falls.

By Mr. Mutrie, the Petition of the City Council of Guelph.

By Mr. Lumsden, the Petition of J. L. Owen, and others, of Ottawa.

By Mr. Carpenter, the Petition of J. E. York, and others, of Waterford.

The following Petition was read and received:—

Of the Town Council of Forest, praying certain amendments to the Municipal Act, respecting the manufacture of Electric Light.

Mr. Harcourt, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Eighteenth Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

The Committee have carefully considered

Bill (No. 82), "An Act respecting the Town of Welland," and

Bill (No. 79), "An Act respecting the Mortgage Corporation," and have made certain amendments thereto respectively.

The Committee have also amended the Preambles to the Bills (Nos. 82 and 79), respectively, so as to make them conform with the facts as they appear to the Committee.

The Committee have also amended the title to Bill (No. 79), so that the same now reads "An Act respecting the Canada Permanent and Western Canada Mortgage Corporation."

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 240), intituled "An Act respecting the Supplementary Revenues of the Province of Ontario." Mr. Ross.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 241), intituled "An Act to confirm an Agreement between the Commissioners for the Queen Victoria Niagara Falls Park, and the Fort Erie Ferry Railway Company, and relating to the said Company." Mr. Ross.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 242), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Charlton.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Bill (No. 243), intituled "An act to amend the Liquor License Act." Mr. Crawford.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 63), Respecting the Central Canada Loan and Savings Company, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The following Bills were severally read the third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 22), To incorporate the Bracebridge and Trading Lake Railway Company.

Bill (No. 59), Respecting the Hamilton Radial Electric Railway Company.

Bill (No. 25), Respecting the Corporation of the Town of Preston.

Bill (No. 31), To authorize the Town of Port Hope to raise money for water works purposes.

Bill (No. 57), Respecting By-laws Nos. 1458, 1628, 1707 and 1973 of the City of Ottawa.

Bill (No. 70), To consolidate the floating debt of the Township of Anderdon.

Bill (No. 68), Respecting the Town of Kincardine.

Bill (No. 72), Respecting the City of Ottawa.

Bill (No. 14), To confirm By-law No. 1254 of the City of St. Catharines.

On motion of Mr. Matheson, seconded by Mr. Foy,

Ordered, That the Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 71), Respect-

ing the Town of Smith's Falls, be discharged, and the Bill be recommitted to the Standing Committee on Private Bills for further consideration and report.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 97), Respecting the manufacture of Spruce and other Pulp wood cut on the Crown Domain, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill, without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 203), Respecting Industrial Schools, and, after some time spent therein; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The following Bills were severally read the second time :—

Bill (No. 218), Respecting Cheese and Butter Manufacturing Associations and Companies.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 228), Respecting the Fisheries of Ontario.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 233), To amend the Mines Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 159), To amend the Ontario Election Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty, for the services of 1900, the following sums :—

60. To defray the expenses of works at the Asylum for the Insane, Hamilton.	\$ 8,120 00
61. To defray the expenses of works at the Asylum for the Insane, King- ston	\$ 4,840 00
62. To defray the expenses of works at the Asylum for the Insane, Brock- ville	\$ 10,240 00
64. To defray the expenses of works at the Central Prison, Toronto	\$ 6,915 00
65. To defray the expenses of works at the Reformatory, Penetanguishene.	\$ 1,945 00
66. To defray the expenses of works at the Andrew Mercer Reformatory for females, Toronto	\$ 3,744 00
67. To defray the expenses of works at the Blind Institute, Brantford	\$ 4,225 00
68. To defray the expenses of works at the Deaf and Dumb Institute, Belle- ville	\$ 4,250 00
69. To defray the expenses of works at Cobourg Asylum for Senile Patients.	\$ 20,000 00

70. To defray the expenses of works at the Agricultural College, Guelph..	\$ 2,520 00
71. To defray the expenses of works at the Normal and Model School, Toronto	\$ 1,950 00
72. To defray the expenses of works at the Normal School, Ottawa.....	\$ 4,715 00
73. To defray the expenses of works at the Normal School, London.....	\$ 31,102 00
74. To defray the expenses of works at the School of Practical Science....	\$ 5,700 00
75. To defray the expenses of works at Osgoode Hall	\$ 1,300 00
76. To defray the expenses of equipment, works, furnishing and fitting up of new Parliament and Departmental Buildings	\$ 7,281 35
77. To defray the expenses of works in the District of Algoma.....	\$ 2,100 00
78. To defray the expenses of works in the Thunder Bay District.....	\$ 400 00
79. To defray the expenses of works in the Muskoka District	\$ 4,970 00
80. To defray the expenses of works in the Parry Sound District.....	\$ 3,200 00
81. To defray the expenses of works in the Nipissing District.....	\$ 500 00
82. To defray the expenses of works in the Rainy River District.....	\$ 600 00
83. To defray the expenses of works, Reformatory for Boys, County of Oxford	\$ 30,000 00
84. To defray the expenses of Public Works	\$ 45,982 71

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions ; also, That the Committee had directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

Mr. Stratton presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor :—

Report of the Ontario Agricultural College and Experimental Farm for the year 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 14.*)

Also—Agreement between the Commissioners of the Queen Victoria Niagara Falls Park and the Ontario Power Company of Niagara Falls, dated 11th April, 1900. (*Sessional Papers No. 79.*)

The House then adjourned at 11.00 p.m.

Wednesday, 18th April, 1900.

PRAYERS.

3 o'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. Pardo, the Petition of W. Ward, and others, of Dresden.

By Mr. Joynt, the Petition of Robert Bates, and others, of Merrickville.

By Mr. Monteith, the Petition of Charles S. Moore, and others, of Mitchell.
By Mr. Brown, the Petition of Duncan Ferguson, and others, of Stratford.

Mr. Harcourt, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Nineteenth Report, which was read as follows and adopted :—

The Committee have carefully considered

Bill (No. 234), "An Act respecting the Town of Wallaceburg," and

Bill (No. 39), "An Act respecting the Town of Wingham," and report the same without amendment.

Bill (No. 71), "An Act respecting the Town of Smith's Falls," having been recommitted by the House to the Committee for further consideration, the Committee have further considered the Bill and report the same without further amendments.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 244), intituled "An Act to amend the Act respecting Brewers and Distillers and other Licenses." Mr. Stratton.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 245), intituled "An Act to amend the Ontario Controverted Elections Act." Mr. Gibson.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 246), intituled "An Act respecting the Education Department." Mr. Harcourt.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

The following Bills were severally read the third time and passed :—

Bill (No. 41), Respecting the Town of Lindsay and the Lindsay Waterworks.

Bill (No. 29), Respecting the City of Windsor.

Bill (No. 55), To incorporate the Wabigoon, Manitou and Rainy Lake Railway Company.

Bill (No. 69), To incorporate the Nickel Belt Railway.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 84), To confirm By-law No. 895 of the Town of Peterborough, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Mr. German moved, seconded by Mr. McKee,

That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the charges of fraud made against the late William A. Scott by one John Chambers, in 1871, for illegal returns of pine and other timber cut by the said Scott during the years from 1865 to 1871, inclusive, with power to summon witnesses and take evidence under oath, and report its finding to this House, and that such Committee be composed as follows :—

And the motion, having been put, was carried on the following division :—

YEAS.

Messieurs :

Allen	Douglas	Kribs	Pyne
Auld	Duff	Little	Reid (Addington)
Barr	Eilber	Loughrin	Reid (Durham)
Beatty (Leeds)	Fallis	Lucas	Richardson
Bleizard	Foy	Marter	Russell
Brower	Fox	Matheson	Thompson
Carnegie	Gallagher	Miscampbell	Tucker
Carpenter	German	Monteith	White
Carscallen	Hoyle	Morrison	Whitney.—45.
Crawford	Jamieson	McDiarmid	
Dempsey	Jessop	McLaughlin	
Dickenson	Joynt	Powell	

NAYS.

Messieurs :

Aylsworth	Davis	Hislop	Pardo
Beatty (Parry Sound)	Dryden	Holmes	Preston
Bowman	Farwell	Latchford	Robson
Bridgland	Ferguson	Lumsden	Ross
Brown	Gibson	Malcolm	Stratton
Burt	Guibord	Mutrie	Taylor
Clarke	Harcourt	McKay	Truax—31.
Conmee	Harty	Pardee	

PAIRS.—None.

And it was

Resolved, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the charges of fraud made against the late William A. Scott, by one John Chambers, in 1871, for illegal returns of pine and other timber cut by the said Scott during the years from 1865 to 1871, inclusive, with power to summon witnesses and take evidence under oath, and report its finding to this House.

The following Bills were severally read the second time :—

Bill (No. 184), To amend the Act respecting Building Societies and other Loan Corporations.

Referred to the Legal Committee.

Bill (No. 217), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 224), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

On motion of Mr. Pyne, seconded by Mr. Lucas,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return shewing all lands held in fee simple, or under mining lease by :—

1. The Canadian Copper Company.
2. The Anglo-American Iron Company.
3. The Orford Refining Company.
4. Mr. Stevenson Burke.
5. Mr. H. P. Macintosh.
6. Mr. H. B. Payne, and
7. Major R. G. Leckie.

in the Districts of Nipissing and Algoma, shewing acreage and date of each grant or lease. And shewing as well, options registered on, or against lands held by other parties by any of the aforesigned companies or parties.

Mr. Lucas moved, seconded by Mr. Pyne,

That there be laid before this House a Return of copies of all correspondence and papers in connection with the agreement, dated April 25th, 1895, between the Government and Messieurs George Clavet and James Whalen of Port Arthur, and Thomas Lyle Bray of Woolsley, Assiniboria.

And a Debate having arisen thereon,

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

Mr. Stratton presented to the House :—

Return to an Order of the House of the nineteenth day of March last for a Return of copies of all correspondence between any member of the Government and any official thereof relating to the distribution of the Statutes. (*Sessional Papers No. 78.*)

The House then adjourned at 6.15 p.m.

Thursday, 19th April, 1900.

PRAYERS.

3 o'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. Burt, the Petition of Thomas Evans, and others, of Paris.

By Mr. Hoyle, the Petition of J. W. Neydler, and others, of Bracebridge ; also, the Petition of James Clarke, and others, of Brechin ; also, the Petition of W. A. Brunton, and others, of Newmarket.

By Mr. Fox, the Petition of G. Ingle, and others, of Victoria.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of the Town Council of Smith's Falls, praying that the Bill before the House relating to the Town may become law.

Of J. S. McCallum, and others, of Smith's Falls, praying that section four of the Bill relating to the Town of Smith's Falls may be eliminated.

Of the City Council of Guelph, praying certain amendments to the Liquor License Law, respecting convictions under the Act.

Of George C. L. Lafayette, and others, of Brockville; also, of J. L. Owen, and others, of Ottawa; also, of J. E. York, and others, of Waterford, severally praying certain amendments to the Municipal Act, respecting the use of Trading Stamps.

Mr. Harcourt, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Twentieth Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

The Committee have carefully considered

Bill (No. 212), "An Act to enable the City of Stratford to guarantee for \$30,000 to be borrowed by George McLagan,"

Bill (No. 13), "An Act to amend 'An Act to confer certain powers on the Town of Strathroy,'"

Bill (No. 19), "An Act respecting the City of Toronto,"

Bill (No. 7), "An Act respecting the Town of Toronto Junction," and

Bill (No. 12), "An Act respecting By-law No. 127 of the Town of Wiarton," and have made certain amendments thereto respectively.

The Committee have also considered

Bill (No. 165), "An Act vesting certain lands in Richard Tod Wilson in fee simple in trust to sell and dispose thereof and pay the proceeds to Knox Church, Dundas, and for other purposes," and report the same without amendment.

The Committee recommend that the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 165), on the ground that the same relates to a religious institution.

The Committee recommend that Rule No. 51, of this Honourable House be further suspended in this, that the time for receiving Reports from the Standing Committee on Private Bills be further extended until and inclusive of Tuesday, the 24th day of April, instant.

Mr. Davis, from the Standing Committee on Municipal Law, presented their First Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

The Committee have carefully considered Bill (No. 122), intituled "An Act to amend the Act to regulate Travelling on Public Highways and Bridges," and report the same with certain amendments.

The Committee have carefully considered Bill (No. 157), intituled "An Act to permit Municipalities to use Voting Machines," and report the same with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 165), Richard Tod Wilson.

Ordered, That the time for receiving Reports from Standing Committees on Private Bills be extended until and inclusive of Tuesday, the twenty-fourth day of April, instant.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 247), intituled "An Act to amend the Drainage Act."—Mr. Pardee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 248), intituled "An Act respecting certain Railways."—Mr. Ross.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 249), Respecting Upper Canada College.—Mr. Harcourt.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 87), Respecting the Town of Collingwood and Charles D. Cramp, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The following Bill was read the third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 71), Respecting the Town of Smith's Falls.

On motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Dryden.

Resolved, That this House doth ratify a certain agreement bearing date on the 28th July, 1899, made by and between Messieurs Warwick Bro's and Rutter, of Toronto, of the first part, and Her Majesty the Queen, of the second part, with respect to the printing and binding of Public Documents ordered by this House, and the Publication and issue of the Ontario Gazette.

On motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Gibson,

Resolved, That on and after Friday next, for the remainder of the Session, Government Business shall have precedence over all other Business except Private Bills.

The Order of the Day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee to consider a certain proposed Resolution respecting the erection of Sanatoria by municipalities, having been read,

Mr. Ross acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolution, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

The House then resolved itself into the Committee.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, That the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may grant for the erection of each sanatorium, whether erected by one municipality or by the joint action of two or more municipalities, one-fifth of the sums expended on the site, buildings and equipment, provided such sum shall not exceed four thousand dollars (\$4,000), said sum to be charged upon the consolidated Revenues of the Province. The payment of the *per capita* grant to a sanatorium by order of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall be subject to such regulations regarding inspection and management as may be defined in any Order-in-Council from time to time passed for that purpose.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Charlton reported the Resolution as follows :—

Resolved, That the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may grant for the erection of each sanatorium, whether erected by one municipality or by the joint action of two or more municipalities, one-fifth of the sums expended on the site, buildings and equipment, provided such sum shall not exceed four thousand dollars (\$4,000), said sum to be charged upon the consolidated Revenues of the Province. The payment of the *per capita* grant to a sanatorium by order of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall be subject to such regulations regarding inspection and management as may be defined in any Order-in-Council from time to time passed for that purpose.

The Resolution, having been read the second time, was agreed to, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 213), To provide Provincial Aid for the establishment of Sanatoria for Consumptives.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 213), To provide Provincial Aid for the Establishment of Sanatoria for Consumptives ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 218), Respecting Cheese and Butter Manufacturing Associations and Companies ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 228), Respecting the Fisheries of Ontario ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Graham reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The following Bills were severally read the second time :—

Bill (No. 235), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 237), Respecting Travelling Shows.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 238), To amend the Statute Law.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty, for the services of 1900, the following sums :—

63	To defray the expenses of works at the Asylum for Idiots, Orillia.....	\$ 6,975 00
85.	To defray the expenses of Colonization and Mining Roads.....	\$123,250 00
86.	To defray the expenses of Charges on Crown Lands.....	\$110,575 00
87.	To defray the expenses of Mining Development.....	\$ 29,300 00
88.	To defray the expenses of the Refund Account, on Education Account.	\$ 1,000 00
89.	To defray the expenses of the Refund Account, on Crown Lands Account	\$ 38,072 68
90.	To defray the expenses of the Refund Account, Asylum Lands.....	\$ 61,297 62
91.	To defray the expenses of the Municipalities Fund	\$ 729 96
92.	To defray the expenses of the Land Improvement Fund.....	\$ 2,156 42
94	To defray Unforeseen and Unprovided Expenses	\$ 50,000 00

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions ; also, That the Committee had directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered. That the Report be received To-morrow.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 10.30 p.m.

Friday, 20th April, 1900.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. Ross, the Petition of G. Ingle, and others, of Victoria County.

By Mr. Reid (Durham), the Petition of Canker & Co'y, and others, of Bowmanville.

By Mr. Taylor, the Petition of Geddes Bros, and others, of Strathroy.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of William Ward, and others, of Dresden ; also, of Robert Bates, and others, of Merrickville ; also, of Charles S. Thorne, and others, of Mitchell ; also, of Duncan Ferguson, and others, of Stratford, severally praying certain amendments to the Municipal Act, respecting the use of Trading Stamps.

Mr. Harcourt, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Twenty-first Report, which was read as follows and adopted :—

The Committee have carefully considered

Bill (No. 78), " An Act respecting the Consumers' Gas Company and other matters pertaining to the City of Toronto."

Bill (No. 77), "An Act to authorize the Supreme Court of Judicature for Ontario, to admit Alexander Jarvis McComber to practise in said Court as a solicitor," and

Bill (No. 42), "An Act respecting the Amherstburg Library and Reading Room Association," and have made certain amendments thereto respectively.

The Committee have also amended the titles to Bills (Nos. 78 and 77) respectively, so that the title to Bill (No. 78) now reads, "An Act respecting certain matters pertaining to the City of Toronto," and the title to Bill (No. 77), now reads "An Act to authorize the Law Society of Upper Canada to admit Alexander Jarvis McComber to practise as a Solicitor."

Bill (No. 46), "An Act respecting the Town of Milton" having been recommitted to the Committee for further consideration by the House, the Committee have further considered the Bill (No. 46), and report the same without further amendments.

The Committee recommend that the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 42), on the ground that the Bill relates to an educational institution.

Bill (No. 8), "An Act to enable William Herbert Fisher to practise Dentistry" having been withdrawn, the Committee recommend that the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on the Bill.

The Committee have also considered

Bill (No. 3), "An Act respecting certain debentures of the Town of Bracebridge and the Township of Stephenson," and have appointed a sub-committee with a recommendation that it be allowed to report on the Bill to the Committee of the Whole House when the Bill comes to be considered in Committee of the Whole House.

Mr. Davis, from the Standing Committee on Municipal Law, presented their Second Report, which was read as follows and adopted :—

The Committee have carefully considered Bill (No. 105), "An Act to amend the Municipal Arbitration Act," and report the same without amendments.

The Committee have further carefully considered Bill (No. 221), "An Act to amend the Act for the prevention of Accidents by fire in Hotels and other like Buildings," and report the same with amendments.

The Committee have further carefully considered Bill (No. 192), "An Act to amend the High Schools Act," and report the same with amendments.

Mr. Graham from the, Standing Committee on Printing, presented their Second Report, which was read as follows :—

The Committee recommend that the following Documents be printed :—

Report of the Commissioner of Crown Lands, 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 3.*)

Reports of the Inspectors of Factories, 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 8.*)

Report of the Inspector of Insurance and Registrar of Friendly Societies, 1900. (*Sessional Papers No. 10.*)

Loan Corporations Statements, 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 11.*)

University of Toronto, Auditor's Report for 1898-9 and Report of Standing Committee on Finance for 1899-1900. (*Sessional Papers No. 13.*)

Report of the Ontario Agricultural College, 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 14.*)

Report of the Ontario Agricultural and Experimental Union, 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 15.*)

Report of the Entomological Society, 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 19.*)

Report of the Bee-Keepers' Association, 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 20.*)

Report of the Game and Fish Commissioners, 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 27.*)

Report of the Department of Immigration, 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 28.*)

Report of the Inspector of Prisons and Public Charities upon the Hospitals, etc., 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 36.*)

Report of the Registrar of Live Stock, 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 73.*)

The Committee recommend that the following Documents be not printed :—

Return *re* Audit of the Town of Amherstburg. (*Sessional Papers No. 59.*)

Return *re* License Department *re* Village of North Augusta. (*Sessional Papers No. 60.*)

Copy of an Order-in-Council *re* fees of His Honour Judge Masson. (*Sessional Papers No. 61.*)

Copies of Orders-in-Council *re* Surplus Surrogate Fees. (*Sessional Papers No. 62.*)

Copy of an Order-in-Council *re* Guarantee Bonds of Insurance Companies. (*Sessional Papers No. 63.*)

Copy of an Order-in-Council *re* Fees of His Honour Judge Barron. (*Sessional Papers No. 64.*)

Analysis Reports of Agricultural and Horticultural Societies, 1887-98. (*Sessional Papers No. 65.*)

Return of Correspondence *re* Division Court Clerk, Township of Osnabruck. (*Sessional Papers No. 66.*)

Return *re* names of License Inspectors and Commissioners, 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 67.*)

Report *re* Land Titles Act, 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 68.*)

Return *re* Exemptions to Manufacturing Industries. (*Sessional Papers No. 69.*)

Return of correspondence *re* County Crown Attorney of Elgin. (*Sessional Papers No. 70.*)

Return *re* Reprieves granted to Boys and Girls at Penetanguishene Reformatory and Industrial Refuge. (*Sessional Papers No. 71.*)

Return *re* Binder Twine. (*Sessional Papers No. 72.*)

Report of Imperial Institute *re* Canadian Commerce. (*Sessional Papers No. 74.*)

Return *re* Salary of Official Guardian. (*Sessional Paper No. 75.*)

Return *re* Departmental Revenue. (*Sessional Paper No. 76.*)

Return *re* Female Employees in Factories. (*Sessional Paper No. 77.*)

Return of Correspondence *re* Distribution of Statutes. (*Sessional Paper No. 78.*)

Agreement between Commissioners of Queen Victoria Niagara Falls Park vs. Ontario Power Co. (*Sessional Paper No. 79.*)

The Committee recommend that two thousand additional copies of Report of the Clerk of Forestry be printed.

The Committee recommend that there be purchased for the use of the members of the Legislature one hundred copies of "The Khan's Canticles," R. K. Kernighan, author.

Resolved, That this House doth concur in the Second Report of the Committee on Printing.

Ordered, That the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 42), Amherstburg Library, and on Bill (No. 8), William Herbert Fisher.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Auld,

Resolved, That the Fourteenth Report of the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to this House on the fifth day of April instant, be varied, and that leave be given to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Town of East Toronto," and that the same be referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills without previous compliance with the Rule of the House, requiring four days posting in the Hall, before being considered by Committee.

The following Bill was thereupon introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 199), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of East Toronto." Mr. Richardson.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 250), intituled "An Act to amend the Agricultural and Arts Act." Mr. Preston.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 251), intituled "An Act to amend the Judicature Act." Mr. Marter.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 252), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Water Works Act Mr. Crawford.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 253), intituled "An Act respecting Agreements between Solicitors and their Clients." Mr. Gibson.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 254), intituled "An Act respecting the Sale of Patent Medicines." Mr. German.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 255), intituled "An Act to amend the Ontario Shops Regulation Act." Mr. Latchford.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 256), intituled "An Act respecting the Bureau of Labour." Mr. Latchford.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 257), intituled "An Act respecting the enforcement of certain Contracts entered into with Municipal Corporations." Mr. Gibson.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

The following Bills were severally read the third time and passed :—

Bill (No. 6), Respecting the estate of the late Charlotte Elmsley.

Bill (No. 87), Respecting the Town of Collingwood, and Charles D. Cramp.

Bill (No. 178), To amend the Charity Aid Act.

Bill (No. 84), To confirm By-law No. 895 of the Town of Peterborough,

Bill (No. 218), Respecting Cheese and Butter Manufacturing Associations and Companies.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 226), To amend the Ontario Companies Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The House resolved itself into a Committee, severally to consider the following Bills :—

Bill (No. 36), Respecting the Town of Goderich.

Bill (No. 80), Respecting the Presbyterian Church, Warwick.

Bill (No. 83), To incorporate the Nepigon Mining Lands Company.

Bill (No. 32), To revive, extend and amend an Act to incorporate the Ingersoll Radial Electric Railway Company.

Bill (No. 160), Respecting the Sudbury and Nipissing Railway Company.

Bill (No. 85), Respecting the Town of Prescott and the Imperial Starch Company, Limited.

Bill (No. 53), Respecting the Toronto Suburban Street Railway Company, Limited.

Bill (No. 47), To incorporate the Ottawa and Dundas Railway Company.

Bill (No. 81), Respecting the Town of Listowel.

Bill (No. 26), To incorporate the Queenston, St. Catharines and Port Dalhousie Electric Railway Company.

Bill (No. 66), To enable Cyrus Davis Pinel to Practise Dentistry.

Bill (No. 162), Respecting the Pacific and Atlantic Railway Company.

Bill (No. 56), To confirm a certain By-law and Agreement of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills with certain Amendments.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bills reported, be severally read the third time on Monday next.

The following Bills were severally read the second time :—

Bill (No. 86), To incorporate the Ottawa Young Men's Christian Association.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No 23), To confirm By-law No. 452 of the Village of Port Perry.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 163), To amend an Act respecting the Fort Erie Ferry Railway Company.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 61), Respecting the Rectory of St. James Cathedral in the City of Toronto.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 40), Respecting the Town of Port Arthur.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 54), Respecting the Municipalities of Shuniah and Neebing.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 164), Respecting the Algoma Commercial Company, Limited.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 60), Respecting the Nickel Copper Company of Ontario, Limited.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No 65), Respecting By-law No. 248 of the Town of Rat Portage.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 82), Respecting the Town of Welland.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 79), Respecting the Canada Permanent and Western Canada Mortgage Corporation.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 234), Respecting the Town of Wallaceburg.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 39), Respecting the Town of Wingham.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 212), To enable the City of Stratford to guarantee for \$30,000, to be borrowed by George McLagan.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 13), To confer certain powers on the Town of Strathroy.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 19), Respecting the City of Toronto.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 7), Respecting the Town of Toronto Junction.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 12), Respecting By-law No. 127 of the Town of Wiarton.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 165), Vesting certain lands in Richard Tod Wilson in fee simple in trust to sell and dispose thereof and pay the proceeds to Knox Church, Dundas, and for other purposes.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 206), To re-unite the North and South Ridings of the County of Perth, for the purpose of Registration of Titles.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 232), To amend the Municipal Drainage Act.

Referred to the Legal Committee.

Bill (No. 246), Respecting the Education Department.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 249), Respecting Upper Canada College.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 241), To confirm an Agreement between the Commissioners for the Queen Victoria Niagara Falls Park and the Fort Erie Ferry Railway Company, and relating to the said Company.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 239), Respecting the licensing of Extra-Provincial Corporations.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The Order of the Day for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Resolution respecting Municipal Bonuses, having been read,

The motion was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 235), To amend the Municipal Act ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 237), Respecting Travelling Shows ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 100), To amend and consolidate the Ontario Game Protection Act; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Barber reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again on Monday next.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 219), To amend the Public Health Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 229), To amend the Municipal Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 230), To amend the Municipal Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 211), To amend the Provincial Criminal Justice Accounts Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 180), To amend the Assessment Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 193), To amend the Assessment Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 114), Respecting Town Councils, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 174), To amend the Rail-way Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 179), To amend the Municipal Drainage Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 195), To amend the Ditches and Water Courses Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 216), To amend the Assessment Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 247), To amend the Drainage Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 118) to amend the County Council Act having been read,

Mr. Smith moved

That the Bill be now read the second time,

And the motion, having been put, was lost on a Division.

And so it was declared in the negative.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 155) to amend the Act respecting Veterinary Surgeons having been read,

Mr. German moved,

That the Bill be now read the second time.

And the motion, having been put, was lost on a Division.

And so it was declared in the negative.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 227) to amend the Ontario Factories Act having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

Mr. Stratton presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor :—

Agreement between Her Majesty, represented by the Honourable the Commissioner of Crown Lands of the first part and The Nepigon Pulp, Paper and Manufacturing Company, Limited, of the other part, bearing date on the 18th April, 1900. (*Sessional Papers No. 80.*)

The House then adjourned at 11.15 p.m.

Monday, 23rd April, 1900.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petition was brought up and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. Lucas, the Petition of George Harbottle and others of Grey.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of G. Ingle and others of Victoria County, praying that the Bill before the House respecting Stationary Engines and Boilers, may not pass.

Of J. W. Neydler and others of Bracebridge ; also, of W. A. Brunton and others of Newmarket ; also, of Thomas Evans and others of Paris ; also, of James Clarke and others of Brechin, severally praying certain amendments to the Municipal Act respecting the use of Trading Stamps.

The following Bill was introduced and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 258), intituled "An Act to further amend the Statute Law."—Mr. Gibson.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

The following Bills were severally read the third time and passed :—

Bill (No. 237), Respecting Travelling Shows.

Bill (No. 36), Respecting the Town of Goderich.

Bill (No. 80), Respecting the Presbyterian Church, Warwick.

Bill (No. 85), Respecting the Town of Prescott and the Imperial Starch Company, Limited.

Bill (No. 47), To incorporate the Ottawa and Dundas Railway Company.

Bill (No. 26), To incorporate the Queenston, St. Catharines and Port Dalhousie Electric Railway Company.

Bill (No. 162), Respecting the Pacific and Atlantic Railway Company.

On motion of Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Dryden,

Resolved, That this House will on To-morrow resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolution :—

That the fee on licenses authorizing residents of the Province of Ontario to hunt moose, reindeer or cariboo, subject to the provisions of "The Ontario Game Protection Act 1900," shall be \$ and that subject to the provisions of the said Act, game dealers shall pay license fees in Cities over 100,000 of \$25 each ; in other Cities over 50,000, \$10 ; in other Cities and incorporated towns \$5.00 and in villages and townships, \$1.00.

On motion of Mr. Stratton, seconded by Mr. Davis,

Resolved, That this House will on To-morrow resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolution :—

That for a license to a corporation coming within class VII. or VIII. such corporation shall pay to Her Majesty for the public uses of Ontario the fee mentioned in schedule A hereto, and for a license to a corporation coming within class IX. such corporation shall pay to Her Majesty for the public uses of Ontario the fee mentioned in schedule B hereto, and no license shall be issued until the fee therefor is paid.

There shall be paid to Her Majesty for the public uses of Ontario upon transmitting to the Provincial Secretary the statement required by section 12 the fee of five dollars if the capital stock of the company does not exceed the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, and a fee of ten dollars if the capital stock of the company exceeds the said sum of one hundred thousand dollars, and until such fee has been paid such statement shall be deemed not to have been made and transmitted as required by said section.

An extra provincial corporation, which is not required by this Act to take out a license, may apply for and receive a license authorizing it, subject to the limitations and conditions of the license, and subject to the provisions of its own charter Act of incorporation or other creating instrument, to acquire, hold, mortgage, alienate and otherwise dispose of real estate in Ontario and any interest therein, to the same extent and for the same purposes and subject to the same conditions and limitations as if such corporation had been incorporated under The Ontario Companies Act with

power to carry on the business or exercise the powers embraced in the license. For such license there shall be paid to Her Majesty for the public uses of Ontario such fee as the Lieutenant-Governor may prescribe, and compliance with section 12 may be dispensed with by the Lieutenant-Governor in whole or in part.

SCHEDULE A.

FEES FOR LICENSES TO CORPORATIONS COMING WITHIN CLASS VII. OR VIII.

If the capital stock of the company does not exceed the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, the fee to be twenty-five dollars.

If the capital stock of the company exceeds the said sum of one hundred thousand dollars, the fee to be fifty dollars.

SCHEDULE B.

FEES FOR LICENSES TO CORPORATIONS COMING WITHIN CLASS IX.

If the capital stock of the company does not exceed the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, the fee to be fifty dollars.

If the capital stock of the company exceeds the said sum of one hundred thousand dollars, the fee to be one hundred dollars.

On motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Gibson,

Resolved, That on and after Wednesday next, there shall be a Sitting of the House at Eleven of the clock in the Forenoon, Mr. Speaker to leave the chair at One of the clock P. M., without the question being put.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 238), To amend the Statute Law, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 246), Respecting the Education Department, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 241), To confirm an agreement between the Commissioners for the Queen Victoria Niagara Falls Park and the Fort Erie Ferry Railway Company and relating to the said Company, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 249), Respecting Upper Canada College, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 239), Respecting the licensing of Extra-Provincial Corporations ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The following Bills were severally read the second time :—

Bill (No. 244), To amend the Act respecting Brewers and Distillers and other Licenses.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 240), Respecting the Supplementary Revenues of the Province of Ontario.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 248), Respecting certain Railways.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 256), Respecting the Bureau of Labour.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 245), To amend the Ontario Controverted Elections Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 257), Respecting the enforcement of certain Contracts entered into with Municipal Corporations.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 78), Respecting certain matters pertaining to the City of Toronto.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Mr. Davis, from the Standing Committee on Municipal Law, presented their Third Report, which was read as follows and adopted :—

The Committee have carefully considered Bills Nos. 110, 127, 191 and 210, intituled Acts to amend the Municipal Drainage Act, and so much thereof as the Committee have approved, with amendments thereto, has been embodied in a Bill intituled "The Drainage Amendment Act, 1900."

The Committee have also carefully considered Bills Nos. 119, 149, 177 and 197, intituled Acts to amend the Assessment Act, and so much thereof as the Committee has approved, with amendments thereto, has been embodied in a Bill intituled "The Assessment Amendment Act, 1900."

The Committee have also carefully considered Bills Nos. 102, 103, 104, 109, 111, 116, 123, 128, 130, 139, 140, 148, 150, 156, 166, 185, 188, 194, 196, 198, 208, 217, 222, 224 and 235, and so much thereof as the Committee have approved, with amendments, has been embodied in a Bill intituled "The Municipal Amendment Act, 1900."

The following Bills were thereupon severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 259), intituled "The Assessment Amendment Act, 1900." Mr. Davis.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 260), intituled "The Municipal Amendment Act, 1900." Mr. Davis.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 261), intituled "The Drainage Amendment Act, 1900." Mr. Davis.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 145), The Successions Duties Act, 1900, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The House resolved itself into a Committee, severally to consider the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 24), To confirm By-law No. 115 of the Village of Tottenham.

Bill (No. 86), To incorporate the Ottawa Young Men's Christian Association.

Bill (No. 23), To confirm By-law No. 452 of the Village of Port Perry.

Bill (No. 163), To amend an Act respecting the Fort Erie Ferry Railway Company.

Bill (No. 164), Respecting the Algoma Commercial Company, Limited.

Bill (No. 60), Respecting the Nickel Copper Company of Ontario, Limited.

Bill (No. 82), Respecting the Town of Welland.

Bill (No. 79), Respecting The Canada Permanent and Western Canada Mortgage Corporation.

Bill (No. 234), Respecting the Town of Wallaceburg.

Bill (No. 212), To enable the City of Stratford to guarantee for \$30,000, to be borrowed by George McLagan.

Bill (No. 13), To confirm certain powers on the Town of Strathroy.

Bill (No. 165), Vesting certain lands in Richard Tod Wilson in fee simple in trust to sell and dispose thereof and pay the proceeds to Knox Church, Dundas, and for other purposes.

Bill (No. 46), Respecting the Town of Milton.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills with certain Amendments.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bills reported, be severally read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the House to resolve itself into the Committee to consider Bill (No. 39), Respecting the Town of Wingham, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. Eilber, seconded by Mr. Joynt,

Ordered, That the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 39), Town of Wingham.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty, for the services of 1900, the following sums :—

93. To defray the expenses of Miscellaneous Expenditure \$177,372 50

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution ; also, That the Committee had directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-day.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

Mr. Charlton, from the Committee of Supply, reported the following Resolutions :

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three thousand eight hundred and five dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Lieutenant-Governor's office, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seventeen thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Executive Council and Attorney-General's office, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Nineteen thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Department of Education, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Sixty thousand two hundred and fifty dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Crown Lands Department, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-five thousand and fifty dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Department of Public Works, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirty-one thousand three hundred and seventy-five dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Treasurer's office, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

7. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Nineteen thousand one hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Provincial Secretary's office, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fifteen thousand eight hundred and twenty-five dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Inspection of Public Institutions, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Nine thousand five hundred and fifty dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Audit License and Justice Accounts, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

10. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twelve thousand one hundred and twenty-five dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Registrar-General's Branch, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seven thousand nine hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Provincial Board of Health, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eight thousand seven hundred and ten dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Department of Agriculture, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eight thousand four hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Insurance Branch, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four thousand dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Neglected Children's Branch, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Nine thousand five hundred and fifty dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the Miscellaneous Expenses of Civil Government, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and thirty-three thousand two hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four hundred and forty-eight thousand six hundred and forty-nine dollars and ninety-seven cents be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Administration of Justice, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four hundred and sixty-nine thousand two hundred and seventy-eight dollars and five cents be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public and Separate Schools, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and fourteen thousand six hundred and seventy-five dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Collegiate Institutes and High Schools, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seven thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Provincial Museum and Library, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-three thousand eight hundred and seventy dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the School of Practical Science, Toronto, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fifty-seven thousand five hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Libraries, Art Schools, Literary and Scientific Institutions, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fifteen thousand five hundred and seventy-five dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the Miscellaneous expenses of Education, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Sixty-one thousand three hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Superannuated Public and High School Teachers, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and one thousand one hundred and thirty-one dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Asylum for the Insane at Toronto, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and thirty-two thousand two hundred and seventy dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Asylum for the Insane at London, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

27. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seventy-four thousand one hundred and seventy-four dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Asylum for the Insane at Kingston, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and twenty thousand six hundred and twelve dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Asylum for the Insane at Hamilton, for the year ending December 31st, 1900.

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seventy-six thousand one hundred and ninety-four dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Mimico Branch of the Asylum for the Insane at Toronto, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seventy thousand two hundred and twenty-five dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Asylum for the Insane at Brockville, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Sixty-two thousand eight hundred and seventeen dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Asylum for the Insane at Orillia, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

32. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Sixty-two thousand one hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Central Prison, Toronto, for the year ending December, 31st 1900.

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-seven thousand eight hundred and ten dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Ontario Reformatory at Penetanguishene, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Forty-four thousand five hundred and forty-six dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, Belleville, for the ending 31st December, 1900.

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirty-two thousand two hundred and forty-two dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Institution for the Blind at Brantford, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

36. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-four thousand two hundred and seventy-five dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Andrew Mercer Reformatory for Women and Refuge for Girls, Toronto, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

37. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seven thousand one hundred and twenty-five dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Immigration, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and fifty-three thousand and fifty dollars to be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of special grants for Agricultural purposes, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

39. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirty thousand one hundred and seventeen dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Ontario Agricultural College, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three thousand four hundred and fifty-five dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Experimental Farm and Feeding, Agricultural College, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

41. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Six thousand three hundred and seventy-one dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Experimental Plots, Agricultural College, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

42. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two thousand three hundred and forty-five dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Experimental Dairy, Agricultural College, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

43. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three thousand one hundred and seventy-five dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Central Dairy School Agricultural College for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

44. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Nine hundred and five dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Poultry Department, Agricultural College, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

45. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five thousand and eighty-two dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Horticultural Department of Agricultural College, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

46. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand two hundred and twenty-five dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Mechanical Department of Agricultural College, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

47. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and eighty-five thousand two hundred and seven dollars and eighty-five cents be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

48. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eight thousand and ninety-five dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of maintenance and repairs of Government House, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

49. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirty-six thousand seven hundred and forty dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of maintenance and repairs of Parliament and Departmental Buildings, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

50. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seven thousand two hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of maintenance and repairs to the Education Department (Normal School Buildings), for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

51. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three thousand six hundred and forty dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous Maintenance and repairs, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

52. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four thousand four hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty to pay the expenses of maintenance and repairs to the Normal and Model School, Ottawa, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

53. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two thousand nine hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of maintenance and repairs to the Normal School, London, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

54. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three thousand five hundred and twenty-five dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of maintenance and repairs to the School of Practical Science, Toronto, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

55. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Six thousand seven hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of maintenance and repairs to Agricultural College and Experimental Farm, Guelph, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

56. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eight thousand eight hundred and forty dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of maintenance and repairs to Osgoode Hall, Toronto, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

57. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five thousand three hundred and seventy-three dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the works at the Asylum for the Insane Toronto, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

58. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five thousand two hundred and ninety dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the works at the Asylum for the Insane, Mimico, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

59. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seventeen thousand seven hundred and sixty-four dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the works at the Asylum for the Insane, London, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

60. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seven thousand six hundred and fifty dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the works at the Asylum for the Insane, Hamilton, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

61. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four thousand eight hundred and forty dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of works at the Asylum for the Insane, Kingston, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

62. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Ten thousand two hundred and forty dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of works at the Asylum for the Insane, Brockville, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

63. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Six thousand nine hundred and seventy-five dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Asylum for Idiots at Orillia, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

64. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Six thousand nine hundred and fifteen dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of works at the Central Prison, Toronto, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

65. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand nine hundred and forty-five dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of works at the Provincial Reformatory for Boys, Penetanguishene, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

66. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three thousand seven hundred and forty-four dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of works at the Reformatory for Females, Toronto, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

67. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four thousand two hundred and twenty-five dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of works at the Blind Institute, Brantford, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

68. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four thousand two hundred and fifty dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of works at the Deaf and Dumb Institute, Belleville, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

69. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty thousand dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Cobourg Asylum for Senile Patients, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

70. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two thousand five hundred and twenty dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of works at the Agricultural College and Experimental Farm, Guelph, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

71. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of works at the Education Department and Normal and Model Schools, Toronto, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

72. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four thousand seven hundred and fifteen dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of works at the Normal and Model Schools, Ottawa, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

73. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirty-one thousand one hundred and two dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of works at the Normal and Model School, London, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

74. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five thousand seven hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of works at the School of Practical Science, Toronto, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

75. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand three hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of works at Osgoode Hall, Toronto, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

76. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seven thousand two hundred and eighty-one dollars and thirty-five cents be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of works, equipment, furnishing, fitting up, etc., of new Parliament and Departmental Buildings for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

77. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two thousand one hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of works in the District of Algoma, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

78. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of works in the Thunder Bay District, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

79. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four thousand nine hundred and seventy dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of works in the Muskoka District, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

80. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three thousand two hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of works in the Parry Sound District, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

81. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of works in the Nipissing District, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

82. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Six hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of works in Rainy River District, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

83. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirty thousand dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of works at Reformatory for Boys, Oxford, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

84. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Forty-five thousand nine hundred and eighty-two dollars and seventy-one cents, be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

85. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and twenty-three thousand two hundred and fifty dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of construction and repairs of Colonization and Mining Roads, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

86. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and ten thousand five hundred and seventy-five dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of charges on Crown Lands for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

87. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-nine thousand three hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Mining Development for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

88. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Refund Account, *re* Education, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

89. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirty-eight thousand and seventy-two dollars and sixty-eight cents be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Refund Account, *re* Crown Lands, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

90. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Sixty-one thousand two hundred and ninety-seven dollars and sixty-two cents be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Refund Account *re* Asylum Lands, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

91. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seven hundred and twenty-nine dollars and ninety-six cents be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Refund Account, *re* Municipalities' Fund, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

92. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two thousand one hundred and fifty-six dollars and forty-two cents be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Refund Account, *re* Land Improvement Fund, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

93. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and seventy-seven thousand three hundred and seventy-two dollars and fifty cents be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous Expenditure, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

94. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fifty thousand dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the Unforeseen and Unprovided expenses, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

The several Resolutions, having been again read,

Ordered, That the Eighteenth, Thirty-third, Thirty-seventh, Thirty-eighth, Eighty-third and Eighty-fifth Resolutions be postponed until To-morrow.

The remaining Resolutions were agreed to.

Mr. Stratton presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor :—

Agreement between Her Majesty, represented by the Honourable the Commissioner of Crown Lands, of the one part, and the Blanche River Pulp and Paper Company,

Limited, of the other part, and bearing date on the 14th April, 1900. (*Sessional Papers No. 49.*)

Also—Report of the Commissioners for the Queen Victoria Niagara Falls Park for the year 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 6.*)

Also—Report of the Fruit Growers Association for the year 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 16.*)

Also—Report of the Fruit Experiment Stations for the year 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 17.*)

Also—Reports of the Poultry Associations for the year 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 21.*)

Also—Reports of the Cheese and Butter Associations for the year 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 22.*)

Also—Reports of the Live Stock Associations for the year 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 23.*)

Also—Report of the Superintendent of Farmers Institutes for the year 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 24.*)

Also—Report of the Provincial Instructor in road making for the year 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 25.*)

Also—Report of the Bureau of Industries for the year 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 26.*)

Also—Report of the Inspector of Registry Offices for the year 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 31.*)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the fourteenth day of March last for a Return shewing the number of dates and places of sittings of the county and districts Courts, and Courts of General Sessions of the Peace, Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol delivery and of the High Court of Justice, respectively, held in the various county and district towns of the Province, during the years 1895 to 1899, both inclusive :—

(a) At which there has been no business to be tried before the petit jury,—

(b) At which there has been no action, matter or other proceedings to be tried by a judge without a jury,—

(c) At which there have been no indictments laid before the Grand Jury. (*Sessional Papers No. 81.*)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the fourth day of April instant for a Return of copies of all correspondence and papers, between any member of the Government, or any official thereof, or any other person or persons, in reference to a claim made by the Counties of Leeds and Grenville against the Government *re* Criminal Justice Account, shewing as well, the balance due the Counties. (*Sessional Papers No. 82.*)

The House then adjourned at 10 p.m.

Tuesday, 24th April, 1900.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of Geddes Bros. and othees of Strathroy ; also, of Cauker and Tait and others of Bowmanville, severally praying certain amendments to the Municipal Act, respecting the use of Trading Stamps.

Of G. Ingle and other^s of Victoria County, praying that the Bill before the House respecting Stationary Engines and Boilers may not pass.

Mr. Harcourt, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Twenty-second Report, which was read as follows and adopted .—

The Committee have carefully considered

Bill (No. 199), " An Act to incorporate the Town of East Toronto," and report the same with certain amendments.

Mr. Dryden, from the Standing Committee on Railways, presented their Tenth Report, which was read as follows and adopted :—

The Committee have carefully considered the following Bills, and have prepared amendments thereto respectively, and have also amended the Preambles to the Bills so as to make the same conform with the facts as they were made to appear to the Committee.

Bill (No. 74), To incorporate the Superior and James Bay Railway Company ;

Bill (No. 75), Respecting the Ontario, Belmont and Northern Railway Company, and

Bill (No. 67), Respecting the Metropolitan Railway Company.

The Committee recommend that the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 88), To incorporate the Toronto Elevated Railway Company, said Bill having been withdrawn by the promoters thereof.

Ordered, That the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 88), Toronto Elevated Railway Company.

Mr. Charlton from the Standing Committee on Public Accounts presented their Third Report which was read and adopted. (*Appendix No. 1*)

On motion of Mr. German, seconded by Mr. Blezard,

Ordered, That the Select Committee to enquire into the alleged frauds committed by the late W. A. Scott in his returns of Crown Timber in pursuance of the Resolution of the House passed on the eighteenth day of April instant, be composed as follows :— Messieurs Foy, Pardee, Miscampbell, Charlton and Auld.

The following Bills were severally read the third time and passed :—

Bill (No. 63), Respecting the Central Canada Loan and Savings Company.

Bill (No. 94), To amend the Act respecting Land Surveyors.

Bill (No. 95), To amend the Act to preserve the Forests from destruction by Fire.

Bill (No. 96), To amend the Algonquin National Park Act.

Bill (No. 99), To amend the Act respecting the Law Society of Upper Canada.

Bill (No. 93), To amend the Act to establish Forest Reserves.

Bill (No. 144), For preserving to Canadian Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men, now serving Her Majesty in South Africa, their rights of Franchise in Ontario.

Bill (No. 91), To amend the San José Scale Act.

Bill (No. 200), To improve the High Schools Act.

Bill (No. 207), Respecting the payment of Wolf Bounty.

Bill (No. 202), To amend the Trustees Investment Act.

Bill (No. 241), To confirm an agreement between the Commissioners for the Queen Victoria Niagara Falls Park and the Fort Erie Ferry Railway Company, and relating to the said Company.

Bill (No. 246), Respecting the Education Department.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 201), To improve the Public Schools Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 209), Respecting the Debt of the Township of Dunwich, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the same; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time and passed.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 176), Respecting Mortgages by Electric Railway Companies or Street Railway Companies, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 181), To amend the Registry Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, that the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 98), To amend the Loan Corporations Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred back to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 203), Respecting Industrial Schools, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 249), Respecting Upper Canada College, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time and passed.

The Order of the Day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee to consider a certain proposed Resolution respecting the fees on Game Licenses, having been read,

Mr. Ross acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolution, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

The House then resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That the fee on licenses authorizing residents of the Province of Ontario to hunt moose, reindeer or cariboo subject to the provisions of "The Ontario Game Protection Act, 1900," shall be \$5, and that subject to the provisions of the said Act, game dealers shall pay license fees in Cities having a population of over 100,000, \$25; in other Cities having a population of over 50,000, \$10; in other Cities having a population under 50,000 and over 25,000, \$5; in cities having a population under 25,000 and in towns \$2, and in incorporated villages and townships, \$1.00.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Charlton reported the Resolution as follows:—

Resolved, That the fee on licenses authorizing residents of the Province of Ontario to hunt moose, reindeer or cariboo subject to the provisions of "The Ontario Game Protection Act, 1900," shall be \$5; and that, subject to the provisions of the said Act, Game Dealers shall pay license fees in cities having a population of over 100,000, \$25; in other cities having a population of over 50,000, \$10; in other cities having a population under 50,000 and over 25,000, \$5; in cities having a population under 25,000 and in towns, \$2; and in incorporated villages and townships, \$1.

The Resolution having been read the second time, was agreed to, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 100), To amend and Consolidate the Ontario Game Protection Act.

The Order of the Day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee to consider a certain proposed Resolution respecting the licensing of Extra Provincial Corporations having been read,

Mr. Ross acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolution, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

The House then resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That for a license to a corporation coming within class VII. or VIII. such corporation shall pay to Her Majesty, for the public uses of Ontario, the fee mentioned in schedule A hereto, and for a license to a corporation coming within class IX. such corporation shall pay to Her Majesty, for the public uses of Ontario, the fee mentioned in schedule B hereto, and no license shall be issued until the fee therefor is paid.

There shall be paid to Her Majesty, for the public uses of Ontario, upon transmitting to the Provincial Secretary the statement required by section 12 the fee of five dollars if the capital stock of the company does not exceed the sum of one hundred thousand

dollars and a fee of ten dollars if the capital stock of the company exceeds the said sum of one hundred thousand dollars, and until such fee has been paid such statement shall be deemed not to have been made and transmitted as required by said section.

An extra provincial corporation which is not required by this Act to take out a license may apply for and receive a license authorizing it, subject to the limitations and conditions of the license, and subject to the provisions of its own charter, Act of incorporation or other creating instrument, to acquire, hold, mortgage, alienate and otherwise dispose of real estate in Ontario and any interest therein to the same extent and for the same purposes and subject to the same conditions and limitations as if such corporation had been incorporated under The Ontario Companies Act with power to carry on the business or exercise the powers embraced in the license. For such license there shall be paid to Her Majesty for the public uses of Ontario such fee as the Lieutenant Governor may prescribe, and compliance with section 12 may be dispensed with by the Lieutenant-Governor in whole or in part.

SCHEDULE A.

FEES FOR LICENSES TO CORPORATIONS COMING WITHIN CLASS VII. OR VIII.

If the capital stock of the company does not exceed the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, the fee to be twenty-five dollars.

If the capital stock of the company exceeds the said sum of one hundred thousand dollars, the fee to be fifty dollars.

SCHEDULE B.

FEES FOR LICENSES TO CORPORATIONS COMING WITHIN CLASS IX.

If the capital stock of the company does not exceed the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, the fee to be fifty dollars.

If the capital stock of the company exceeds the said sum of one hundred thousand dollars, the fee to be one hundred dollars.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Charlton reported the Resolution as follows:—

Resolved, that for a license to a corporation coming within class VII. or VIII. such corporation shall pay to Her Majesty, for the public uses of Ontario, the fee mentioned in schedule A hereto, and for a license to a corporation coming within class IX. such corporation shall pay to Her Majesty, for the public uses of Ontario, the fee mentioned in schedule B hereto, and no license shall be issued until the fee therefor is paid.

There shall be paid to Her Majesty, for the public uses of Ontario, upon transmitting to the Provincial Secretary the statement required by section 12 the fee of five dollars if the capital stock of the company does not exceed the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, and a fee of ten dollars if the capital stock of the company exceeds the said sum of one hundred thousand dollars, and until such fee has been paid such statement shall be deemed not to have been made and transmitted as required by said section.

An extra provincial corporation which is not required by this Act to take out a license may apply for and receive a license authorizing it, and subject to the limitations and conditions of the license, and subject to the provisions of its own charter, Act of incorporation or other creating instrument, to acquire, hold, mortgage, alienate and otherwise dispose of real estate in Ontario and any interest therein to the same extent and for the same purposes and subject to the same conditions and limitations as if such corporation had been incorporated under The Ontario Companies Act with power to carry on the business or exercise the powers embraced in the license. For such license there shall be paid to Her Majesty for the public uses of Ontario such fee as the Lieutenant-Governor may prescribe, and compliance with section 12 may be dispensed with by the Lieutenant-Governor in whole or in part.

SCHEDULE A.

FEES FOR LICENSES TO CORPORATIONS COMING WITHIN CLASS VII. OR VIII.

If the capital stock of the company does not exceed the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, the fee to be twenty-five dollars.

If the capital stock of the company exceeds the said sum of one hundred thousand dollars, the fee to be fifty dollars.

SCHEDULE B.

FEES FOR LICENSES TO CORPORATIONS COMING WITHIN CLASS IX.

If the capital stock of the company does not exceed the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, the fee to be fifty dollars.

If the capital stock of the company exceeds the said sum of one hundred thousand dollars, the fee to be one hundred dollars.

The Resolution having been read the second time, was agreed to and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 239), Respecting the licensing of Extra-Provincial Corporations.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 100), To amend and consolidate the Ontario Game Protection Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved again itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 239), Respecting the licensing of Extra-Provincial Corporations and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, haning been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 240), Respecting the Supplementary Revenues of the Province of Ontario; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 244), To amend the Act respecting Brewers and Distillers and other Licenses; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 248), Respecting certain Railways; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 257) Respecting the enforcement of certain Contracts entered into with Municipal Corporations; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment,

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 159), To amend the Ontario Election Act; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Pyne, seconded by Mr. Lucas,

Ordered, That Bill (No. 61), Respecting the Rectory of St. James' Cathedral in the City of Toronto, be recommitted to the Standing Committee on Private Bills, with instructions to reconsider the same.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 255), To amend the Ontario Shops Regulation Act.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 258), To further amend the Statute Law.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 260), The Assessment Amendment Act, 1900.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 261), The Municipal Amendment Act, 1900.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 262), The Drainage Amendment Act, 1900.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

The following Bill was introduced and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 262), intituled "An Act respecting Aid by Land Grant to the Algoma Central Railway." Mr. Ross.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Mr. Gibson from the Standing Committee on Legal Bills presented their First Report which was read as follows and adopted :—

The Committee have carefully considered the following Bills and report the same without amendment :—

Bill (No. 135), To amend The Voter's List Act and

Bill (No. 232), To amend The Municipal Drainage Act.

Mr. Gibson from the Select Committee to which was referred Bill (No. 113), Relating to the Employment of Aliens in Ontario, presented the following Resolution :—

That the Bill be not adopted.

Resolved, That this House doth concur in the Report of the Select Committee on Bill (No. 113), employment of Aliens in Ontario.

The House resolved itself into a Committee, severally to consider the following Bills :—

Bill (No. 40), Respecting the Town of Port Arthur.

Bill (No. 54), Respecting the Municipalities of Shuniah and Neebing.

Bill (No. 65), Respecting By-law No. 248 of the Town of Rat Portage.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills with certain Amendments.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bills reported, be severally read the third time To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 11.10 p m.

Wednesday, 25th April, 1900.

PRAYERS.

11 o'CLOCK A. M.

The following Petition was read and received :—

Of George Harbottle, and others, of Grey, praying certain amendments to the Game Law, respecting the licensing of old settlers.

Mr. Harcourt from the Standing Committee on Private Bills presented their Twenty-third Report which was read as follows and adopted.

Bill (No. 61), "An Act respecting St. James Cathedral" having been recommitted by the House to the Committee for further consideration, was further considered by the Committee, and after consideration, the Bill (No. 61), was withdrawn.

The Committee recommend that the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on the Bill.

Ordered, That the fees, less the actual cost of printing be remitted on Bill (No. 61), St. James Cathedral, Toronto.

The following Bills were severally read the third time and passed :—

Bill (No. 32), To revive, extend and amend an Act to incorporate the Ingersoll Radial Electric Railway Company.

Bill (No. 160), Respecting the Sudbury and Nipissing Railway Company.

On motion of Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Ross,

Resolved, That Rule 47 of the Rules, Orders and forms of Proceedings of this House be amended by adding thereto the following :—

No Public Bill purporting to amend the Municipal or the Assessment Act shall, without the unanimous consent of the House, be introduced after the expiration of five weeks from the opening of the Session, but this shall not apply to any such Bill which is a Government measure.

That Rule 60 of the Rules, Orders and forms of Proceedings of this House be amended by adding thereto the following :—

And in the case of any Bill incorporating a company, or increasing the capital stock of a company already incorporated, there shall be paid to the Clerk of the House, by or on behalf of the applicant, before the same is reported to the House, the same fee as would be payable to the Provincial Secretary in the case of an incorporation or increase of capital under the provisions of the Ontario Companies Act, less the sum of \$100 already paid to the Clerk of the House under the said Rule No. 53.

On motion of Mr. Latchford, seconded by Mr. Stratton,

Resolved, That this House will, this afternoon, resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions :—

That, there shall be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, for the construction of the portions of railway hereinafter mentioned, the sums following, that is to say :—

(1) To the Toronto, Lindsay and Pembroke Railway, between a point fifteen miles east of Bancroft and a point at or near Golden Lake, in the Township of South Algoma, in the County of Renfrew, a distance not exceeding 36 miles, a cash subsidy of \$3,000.00 a mile,—\$108,000.00.

(2) To the Central Counties Railway Company, for that portion of the Rockland Branch of the said Railway from Rockland to Clarence Creek, a distance of about seven miles, a cash subsidy of \$1,200.00 a mile,—\$8,400.00.

(3) To the Central Ontario Railway Company, from a point at or near Bancroft to a point on the line of the Canada Atlantic Railway Company, between Madawaska and Whitney, a distance not exceeding 40 miles, a cash subsidy of \$3,000.00 a mile,—\$120,000.00.

(4) To the railway from the Town of Parry Sound southerly, to connect with the Canada Atlantic Railway, a distance not exceeding five miles, a cash subsidy of \$3,000.00 per mile,—\$15,000.00.

That, the grant of \$50,000 made by the Act passed in the fifty-eighth year of Her Majesty's reign, chaptered thirty six, towards the building of an interprovincial railway and passenger and traffic bridge across the Ottawa River at or near Nepean Point, subject to the condition that the Province of Quebec should contribute, in like manner as this Province, the sum of \$50,000, is hereby freed from said condition, provided that the other conditions under which the said grant was made are fulfilled to the satisfaction of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, and evidence satisfactory to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council is adduced that the sum of \$800,000 or more has been expended in the construction of the said bridge and approaches.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 256), Respecting the Bureau of Labour, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Graham reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-day.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 255), To amend the Ontario Shops Regulation Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Graham reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-day.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 245), To amend the Ontario Controverted Elections Act ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Graham reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-day.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 153), Respecting the Barberry Shrub ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Graham reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-day.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 122), To amend the Act to regulate travelling on Public Highways and Bridges ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Graham reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-day.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 157), To permit Municipalities to use Imperial Automatic Voting Machines ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Graham reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-day.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No 105), To amend the Municipal Arbitrations Act and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Graham reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendments,

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 221), To amend the Act for the prevention of Accidents in Hotels and other like buildings ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Graham reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendments,

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-day.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 206), To re-unite the North and South Ridings of the County of Perth for the purpose of Registration of Titles ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 135), To amend the Voters Lists Act ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Graham reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment,

Ordered That the Bill be read the third time To-day.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 232), To amend the Municipal Drainage Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Graham reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 238), To amend the Statute Law.

The Order of the Day for the House to resolve itself into the Committee to consider Bill (No. 192). To amend the High Schools Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 138), To amend the Liquor License Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 143), to amend the Ontario Companies Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 158), To amend the Assessment Act having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 215), To amend the Municipal Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 222), To amend the Municipal Act having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 236), To amend the Mechanics and Wage-earners' Lien Act having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 243), To amend the Liquor License Act having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the motion for a Return *in re* Ontario standard of log measurement, having been read,

The Motion was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 136), Relating to Medical Colleges and Schools in affiliation with the University of Toronto, having been read,

The Motion was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Motion *in re* Agreement with Messieurs Clavet *et al* having been read,

The Motion was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

The following Bill was read the second time :—

Bill (No. 214), To amend the Agriculture and Arts Act.

3 O'CLOCK, P.M.

The following Bills were severally read the third time and passed :

Bill (No. 24), To confirm By-law No. 115 of the Village of Tottenham.

Bill (No. 60), Respecting the Nickel Copper Company of Ontario, Limited.

Bill (No. 165), Vesting certain lands in Richard Tod Wilson in fee simple in trust to sell and dispose thereof and pay the proceeds to Knox Church, Dundas, and for other purposes.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 233), To amend the Mines Act ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments,

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee to consider certain proposed Resolutions respecting Aid to certain Railways, having been read,

Mr. Ross acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolutions, recommends them to the consideration of the House.

The House then resolved itself into the Committee.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, That there shall be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the construction of the portions of railways hereinafter mentioned, the sums following, that is to say :—

(1) To the Toronto, Lindsay and Pembroke Railway, between a point fifteen miles east of Bancroft and a point at or near Golden Lake, in the Township of South Algoma, in the County of Renfrew, a distance not exceeding 36 miles, a cash subsidy of \$3,000.00 a mile,—\$108,000.00.

(2) To the Central Counties Railway for that portion of the Rockland Branch of the said railway from Rockland to Clarence Creek, a distance of about seven miles, a cash subsidy of \$1,200.00 a mile,—\$8,400.00.

(3) To the Central Ontario Railway, from a point at or near Bancroft to a point on the line of the Canada Atlantic Bailway Comyany, between Madawaska, and Whitney, a distance not exceeding 40 miles, a cash subsidy of \$3,000.00 a mile,—\$120,000.00.

(4) To the railway from the Town of Parry Sound southerly to connect with the Canada Atlantic Railway, a distance not exceeding five miles, a cash subsidy of \$3,000.00 per mile,—\$15,000.00.

That, the grant of \$50,000 made by the Act passed in the fifty eighth year of Her Majesty's reign, chaptered thirty-six, towards the building of an interprovincial railway and passenger and traffic bridge across the Ottawa River at or near Nepean Point, subject to the condition that the Province of Quebec should contribute, in like manner as this Province, the sum of \$50,000, is hereby freed from said condition, provided that the other conditions under which the said grant was made are fulfilled to the satisfaction of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, and evidence satisfactory to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council is adduced that the sum of \$800,000 or more has been expended in the construction of the said bridge and approaches.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

Mr. Charlton reported the Resolutions as follows :—

Resolved, That there shall be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the construction of the portions of railways hereinafter mentioned, the sums following, that is to say :—

(1) To the Toronto, Lindsay and Pembroke Railway, between a point fifteen miles, east of Bancroft and a point at or near Golden Lake, in the Township of South Algoma, in the County of Renfrew, a distance not exceeding 36 miles, a cash subsidy of \$3,000.00 a mile,—\$108,000.00.

(2) To the Central Counties Railway, for that portion of the Rockland Branch of the said railway from Rockland to Clarence Creek, a distance of about seven miles, a cash subsidy of \$1,200.00 a mile,—\$8,400.00.

(3) To the Central Ontario Railway, from a point at or near Bancroft to a point on the line of the Canada Atlantic Railway Company, between Madawaska and Whitney, a distance not exceeding 40 miles, a cash subsidy of \$3,000.00 a mile—\$120,000.00.

(4) To the railway from the Town of Parry Sound southerly to connect with the Canada Atlantic Railway a distance not exceeding five miles, a cash subsidy of \$3,000.00 per mile—\$15,000 00.

That, the grant of \$50,000.00 made by the Act passed in the fifty-eighth year of Her Majesty's reign, chaptered thirty-six, towards the building of an interprovincial railway and passenger and traffic bridge across the Ottawa River at or near Nepean Point, subject to the condition that the Province of Quebec should contribute, in like manner as this Province, the sum of \$50,000, is hereby freed from said condition; provided that the other conditions under which the said grant was made are fulfilled to the satisfaction of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, and evidence satisfactory to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council is adduced that the sum of \$800,000 or more has been expended in the construction of the said bridge and approaches.

The Resolutions, having been read the second time, were agreed to on division, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 263), Respecting Aid to certain Railways.

Mr. Ross delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by himself; and the said message was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows:—

O. MOWAT.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits Supplementary Estimates of certain further sums required to complete the services of the Province, for the year 1900, and recommends them to the Legislative Assembly.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Toronto, April 25th, 1900.

(*Sessional Papers No. 2.*)

Ordered, That the Message of the Lieutenant-Governor, together with the Estimates accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 258), To further amend the Statute Law, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Obarlton reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and had directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The following Bill was introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 263), intituled "An Act respecting Aid to certain Railways." Mr. Latchford.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Mr. Latchford, from the Select Committee to which was referred Bill (No. 167), For the protection or life and property in the use of stationary Boilers and Engines, and the examination and licensing of persons in charge of them, presented its report, which was read as follows and adopted :

The Committee begs to state that it is not prepared to report the Bill. It would however respectfully suggest that such amendment be made to "The Factories Act," at the next Session of the Legislature as will secure proper inspection of high pressure steam boilers and ensure that only competent persons be entrusted with the care and operation of such boilers.

The following Bills were severally read the third time and passed :—

Bill (No. 92), To amend the Pharmacy Act.

Bill (No. 90), For the prevention and destruction of certain Noxious Insects.

Bill (No. 134), The Provincial Drainage Aid Act.

Bill (No. 163), To amend An Act respecting the Fort Erie Ferry Railway Company.

Bill (No. 79), Respecting the Canada Permanent and Western Canada Mortgage Corporation.

Bill (No. 164), Respecting the Algoma Commercial Company, Limited.

Bill (No. 86), To incorporate the Ottawa Young Men's Christian Association.

Bill (No. 83), To incorporate the Nepigon Mining Lands Company.

Bill (No. 255), To amend the Ontario Shops Regulation Act.

Bill (No. 122), To amend the Act to regulate travelling on Public Highways and Bridges.

Bill (No. 221), To amend the Act for the prevention of Accidents by Fire in Hotels and other like Buildings.

Bill (No. 135), To amend the Voters' Lists Act.

Bill (No. 244), To amend the Act respecting Brewers and Distillers and other Licensees.

Bill (No. 13), To confer certain powers on the Town of Strathroy.

Bill (No. 157), To permit Municipalities to use the Imperial Automatic Voting Machine.

Bill (No. 153), Respecting the Barberry Shrub.

Bill (No. 245), To amend the Ontario Controverted Elections Act.

Bill (No. 256), Respecting the Bureau of Labour.

Mr. Charlton, from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the charges of fraud made against the late William A. Scott, by one John Chambers, in 1871, for illegal returns of pine and other timber cut by the said Scott during the years from 1865 to 1871, presented their Report, which was read as follows and adopted.

The Committee having met by appointment in the Parliament Buildings, April 25th, 1900, and W. A. Charlton being duly appointed Chairman, the Committee beg to report that they find it impossible during the present Session to make the enquiry directed by the House or to submit to the House any conclusions regarding the matters referred to them. They, therefore, recommend that all the papers, evidence, reports and documents of every kind in the possession of the Government relating to the matter be referred to two Judges of the Supreme Court of Judicature for Ontario to be named by the Attorney-General for such Report thereon, as, in the opinion of the said Judges, should be made in the premises pursuant to the terms of the said resolution.

The House resolved itself into a Committee, severally to consider the following Bills :—

- Bill (No. 45), To incorporate the Camp Bay and Crow Lake Railway Company.
Bill (No. 38), Respecting the City of St. Catharines.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills with certain Amendments.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bills reported, be severally read the third time To-morrow.

The following Bills were severally read the second time :—

Bill (No. 42), Respecting the Amherstburg Library and Reading-room Association
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 3), Respecting certain Debentures of the Town of Bracebridge and the Township of Stephenson.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-day.

Bill (No. 74), To incorporate the Superior and James Bay Railway Company.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 75), Respecting the Ontario, Belmont and Northern Railway Company.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 67), Respecting the Metropolitan Railway Company.
Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 3), Respecting certain Debentures of the Town of Bracebridge and the Township of Stephenson ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 238), To amend the Statute Law ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 258), To further amend the Statute Law, having been read.

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to, and incorporated with Bill (No. 238), To amend the Statute Law.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 259), The Assessment Amendment Act, 1900 ; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed

the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment,

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 260), The Municipal Amendment Act, 1900 ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments,

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 159), To amend the Ontario Election Act ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty, for the services of 1900, the following sums :—

95. To defray the expenses of Civil Government	\$ 6,150 00
96. To defray the expenses of Legislation	400 00
97. To defray the expenses of Administration of Justice	3,750 00
98. To defray the expenses of Education	7,555 00
99. To defray the expenses of Public Institutions Maintenance	2,268 00
100. To defray the expenses of Agriculture	6,300 00
101. To defray the expenses of Maintenance and repairs of Government and Departmental Buildings	2,301 31
102. To defray the expenses of Public Buildings	14,306 39
103. To defray the expenses of Public Works	13,750 00
104. To defray the expenses of Colonization Roads (North Division)	13,900 00
105. To defray the expenses of Colonization Roads (East and West Division).	7,150 00
106. To defray the expenses of Miscellaneous	28,230 27
107. To defray the expenses of Legislation, Public Institutions, Maintenance and Salaries for the month of January, 1901	80,000 00

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received forthwith.

Mr. Charton, from the Committee of Supply, reported the following further Resolutions :—

95. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Six thousand one hundred and fifty dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

96. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

97. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

98. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seven thousand five hundred and fifty-five dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Education, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

99. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two thousand two hundred and sixty-eight dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Institutions Maintenance for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

100. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Six thousand three hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Agriculture for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

101. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two thousand three hundred and one dollars and thirty-one cents be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of maintenance and repairs of Government and Departmental Buildings for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

102. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fourteen thousand three hundred and six dollars and thirty-nine cents be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Buildings for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

103. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirteen thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

104. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirteen thousand nine hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Colonization Roads (North Division) for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

105. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seven thousand one hundred and fifty dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Colonization Roads (East and West Division) for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

106. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-eight thousand two hundred and thirty dollars and twenty-seven cents be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

107. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eighty thousand dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation, Public Institutions, Maintenance and Salaries for the month of January, 1901.

The several Resolutions, having been read the second time, were concurred in.

The following Bill was read the second time :—

Bill (No. 262), Respecting Aid, by Land Grant, to the Algoma Central Railway.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Mr. Stratton presented to the House, by command of His Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor :—

Report of the Provincial Board of Health for the year 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 32.*)

Also—Report of the Secretary and Registrar of the Province for the year 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 33.*)

Also—Report of the Bureau of Mines for the year 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 5.*)

Also—Mavor's Report on Workmen's Compensation for Injuries. (*Sessional Papers No. 40.*)

The House then adjourned at 11.30 p.m.

Thursday, 26th April, 1900.

PRAYERS.

11 O'CLOCK A.M.

The following Petition was brought up and laid upon the Table :—

By Mr. Carnegie, The Petition of J. T. Robinson and others, of Bobcaygeon.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 97), Respecting the Manufacture of Spruce and other Pulpwood Cut on the Crown Domain, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-day.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 240), Respecting the Supplementary Revenues of the Province of Ontario, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-day.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 228), Respecting the Fisheries of Ontario, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 235), To amend the Municipal Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The following Bills were severally read the third time and passed :—

Bill (No. 53), Respecting the Toronto Suburban Street Railway Company, Limited.

Bill (No. 105), To amend the Municipal Arbitrations Act.

On motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Stratton,

Resolved, That the House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider a certain proposed Resolution respecting License Fees for mining.

Mr. Ross acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolution, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

The House then resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That every person carrying on the business of mining in this Province shall pay a license fee upon the gross quantity of the ores or minerals mined, raised or won during the preceding year, from any mine worked by him, to be paid to the Treasurer of the Province for the use of the Province at the following rates, or such less rates as may be substituted by proclamation of the Lieutenant Governor, namely :

(a) For ores of nickel, \$10 per ton, or \$60 per ton if partly treated or reduced ;

(b) For ores of copper and nickel, \$7 per ton, or \$50 per ton if partly treated or reduced.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Charlton reported the Resolution as follows :—

Resolved, That every person carrying on the business of mining in this Province shall pay a license fee upon the gross quantity of the ores or minerals mined, raised or won during the preceding year, from any mine worked by him, to be paid to the Treasurer of the Province for the use of the Province at the following rates, or such less rates as may be substituted by proclamation of the Lieutenant-Governor, namely :

- (a) For ores of nickel, \$10 per ton, or \$60 per ton if partly treated or reduced ;
- (b) For ores of copper and nickel, \$7 per ton, or \$50 per ton if partly treated or reduced.

The Resolution having been read the second time, was agreed to on a division and referred to Bill (No. 233), To amend The Mines Act.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 261), The Drainage Amendment Act, 1900, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-day.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 262), Respecting Aid by Land Grant to the Algoma Central Railway ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-day.

The following Bill was read the second time :—

Bill (No. 263), Respecting Aid to certain Railways.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-day.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 173), Respecting County Courts, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 253), Respecting Agreements between Solicitors and their Clients, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 213), Respecting Municipal Sanatoria for Consumptives having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 239), Respecting the licensing of Extra-Provincial Corporations having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The House resolved itself into a Committee, severally to consider the following Bills :

Bill (No. 19), Respecting the City of Toronto.

Bill (No. 78), Respecting certain matters pertaining to the City of Toronto.

Bill (No. 42), Respecting the Amherstburg Library and Reading Room Association.

Bill (No. 67), Respecting the Metropolitan Railway Company.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills with certain Amendments.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bills reported, be severally read the third time To-day.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Bills were severally read the third time and passed :—

Bill (No. 98), To amend the Loan Corporations Act.

Bill (No. 181), To amend the Registry Act.

Bill (No. 146), To authorize Municipal Grants for the benefit of Canadians on Military Service in South Africa.

Bill (No. 21), To authorize the sale of certain lands by the Public School Board of the Township of Pelee in the County of Essex.

Bill (No. 11), To confirm By-law No. 350 of the Town of Harriston.

Bill (No. 176), Respecting Mortgages by Electric Railway Companies or Street Railway Companies.

Bill (No. 186), Respecting Provincial Aid towards the establishment of Cold Storage Buildings.

Bill (No. 137), To provide for the incorporation of Co-operative Cold Storage Associations.

Bill (No. 81), Respecting the Town of Listowel.

Bill (No. 66), To enable Cyrus Davis Pinel to Practise Dentistry.

Bill (No. 56), To confirm a certain By-law and Agreement of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior.

Bill (No. 23), To confirm By-law No. 452 of the Village of Port Perry.

Bill (No. 82), Respecting the Town of Welland.

Bill (No. 234), Respecting the Town of Wallaceburg.

Bill (No. 46), Respecting the Town of Milton.

Bill (No. 40), Respecting the Town of Port Arthur.

Bill (No. 54), Respecting the Municipalities of Shuniah and Neebing.

Bill (No. 45), To incorporate the Camp Bay and Crow Lake Railway Company.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 100), To amend and consolidate the Ontario Game Protection Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 238), To amend the Statute Law, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To day.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 233), To amend the Mines Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-day.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 262), Respecting Aid by Land Grant to the Algoma Central Railway, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instruction to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To day.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 248), Respecting certain Railways, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Graham reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The House, according to order, proceeded to take into further consideration the Resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply on Monday last, the consideration whereof had been postponed.

The Eighteenth Resolution respecting the expenses of Public and Separate Schools having been again read,

Mr. Ross moved,

That the Resolution be now concurred in.

Mr. Barr moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. McDiarmid,

That the Resolution be not now concurred in, but be forthwith recommitted to the Committee of Supply with instructions to reduce the item by \$11,250; \$10,000.00 Examiners for Departmental Examinations, and \$1,250 for reduction of Salary of Registrar Education Department.

And the Amendment, having been put was lost on the following division :—

YEAS.

Messieurs :

Allen	Eilber	Lucas	Pyne
Barr	Fallis	Marter	Reid (Addington)
Boyd	Foy	Matheson	Reid (Durham)
Brower	Fox	Miscampbell	Robson
Carnegie	Gallagher	Monteith	Tucker
Carscallen	Hoyle	Morrison	Wardell
Colquhoun	Jamieson	McDiarmid	Whitney.—37.
Crawford	Kidd	McDonald	
Dempsey	Kribs	McLaughlin	
Duff	Little	Powell	

NAYS.

Messieurs :

Auld	Davis	Hill	Pardo
Aylsworth	Dickenson	Hislop	Pattullo
Barber	Douglas	Holmes	Pettypiece
Bleizard	Dryden	Latchford	Preston
Bowman	Farwell	Leys	Richardson
Bridgland	German	Loughrin	Ross
Brown	Gibson	Malcolm	Russell
Burt	Graham	Mutrie	Smith
Charlton	Guibord	McKay	Stratton
Clarke	Harcourt	McKee	Taylor
Conmee	Harty	Pardee	Truax—44.

PAIRS.

Caldwell	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Beatty (Leeds).
Lumsden	....	....	....	....	....	White.
Carpenter	....	....	....	....	....	Joyst.
Beatty (Parry Sound)	....	....	....	....	....	Thompson.
Ferguson	....	....	....	....	....	Jessop.

The Resolution having been then again put was carried on the following division:—

YEAS.

Messieurs :

Auld	Davis	Hill	Pardo
Aylsworth	Dickenson	Hislop	Pattullo
Barber	Douglas	Holmes	Pettypiece
Bleizard	Dryden	Latchford	Preston
Bowman	Farwell	Leys	Richardson
Bridgland	German	Loughrin	Ross
Brown	Gibson	Malcolm	Russell
Burt	Graham	Mutrie	Smith
Charlton	Guibord	McKay	Stratton
Clarke	Harcourt	McKee	Taylor
Conmee	Harty	Pardee	Truax—44.

NAYS.

Messieurs :

Allen	Eilber	Lucas	Pyne
Barr	Fallis	Marter	Reid (Addington)
Boyd	Foy	Matheson	Reid (Durham)
Brower	Fox	Miscampbell	Robson
Carnegie	Gallagher	Monteith	Tucker
Carscallen	Hoyle	Morrison	Wardell
Colquhoun	Jamieson	McDiarmid	Whitney—37.
Crawford	Kidd	McDonald	
Dempsey	Kribs	McLaughlin	
Duff	Little	Powell	

PAIRS.

Caldwell	.....	.....	.....	Beatty (Leeds.)
Lumsden	.....	.....	.....	White.
Carpenter	.....	.....	.....	Joynt.
Beatty (Parry Sound)	.....	.....	.....	Thompson.
Ferguson	.....	.....	.....	Jessop.

The Resolution was then concurred in.

The Thirty-third Resolution respecting the Ontario Reformatory at Penetanguishene, having been again read,

Mr. Ross moved,

That the Resolution be now concurred in.

Mr. Eilber moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. Boyd,

That the Resolution be not now concurred in, but be forthwith recommitted to the Committee of Supply, with instructions to reduce the item by \$3,800; being \$600, reduction of salary of Superintendent; \$1,000, salary Assistant Superintendent; \$800, salary of Steward and Storekeeper; \$400, salary of Gardener, and \$1,000, reduction of vote for incidentals, including table allowance of Superintendent.

And the Amendment, having been put, was lost on the following division :—

YEAS.

Messieurs :

Allen	Eilber	Lucas	Pyne
Barr	Fallis	Marter	Reid (Addington)
Boyd	Foy	Matheson	Reid (Durham)
Brower	Fox	Miscampbell	Robson
Carnegie	Gallagher	Monteith	Thompson
Carscallen	Hoyle	Morrison	Tucker
Colquhoun	Jamieson	McDiarmid	Wardell
Crawford	Kidd	McDonald	Whitney—37.
Dempsey	Kribs	McLaughlin	
Duff	Little	Powell	

NAYS.

Messieurs :

Auld	Dickenson	Hill	Pardo
Aylsworth	Douglas	Hislop	Pattullo
Barber	Dryden	Holmes	Pettypiece
Blezzard	Farwell	Latchford	Preston
Bridgland	Ferguson	Leys	Richardson
Brown	German	Loughrin	Ross
Burt	Gibson	Malcolm	Russell
Charlton	Graham	Mutrie	Smith
Clarke	Guibord	McKay	Stratton
Conmee	Harcourt	McKee	Taylor
Davis	Harty	Pardee	Truax—44.

PAIRS.

Caldwell	....	....	....	....	....	Beatty (Leeds).
Lumsden	....	....	....	....	....	White.
Carpenter	....	....	....	....	....	Joynt.
Beatty (Parry Sound)	....	....	....	....	....	Jessop.

The Resolution, having been then again put, was carried on the following division :—

YEAS.

Messieurs :

Auld	Dickenson	Hill	Pardo
Aylsworth	Douglas	Hislop	Pattullo
Barber	Dryden	Holmes	Pettypiece
Bleizard	Farwell	Latchford	Preston
Bridgland	Ferguson	Leys	Richardson
Brown	German	Loughrin	Ross
Burt	Gibson	Malcolm	Russell
Charlton	Graham	Mutrie	Smith
Clarke	Guibord	McKay	Stratton
Conmee	Harcourt	McKee	Taylor
Davis	Harty	Pardee	Truax—44.

NAYS.

Messieurs :

Allen	Eilber	Lucas	Pyne
Barr	Fallis	Marter	Reid (Addington)
Boyd	Foy	Matheson	Reid (Durham)
Brower	Fox	Miscampbell	Robson
Carnegie	Gallagher	Monteith	Thompson
Carscallen	Hoyle	Morrison	Tucker
Colquhoun	Jamieson	McDiarmid	Wardell
Crawford	Kidd	McDonald	Whitney—37.
Dempsey	Kribs	McLaughlin	
Duff	Little	Powell	

PAIRS.

Caldwell	....	....	....	....	....	Beatty (Leeds).
Lumsden	....	....	....	....	....	White.
Carpenter	....	....	....	....	....	Joynt.
Beatty (Parry Sound)	....	....	....	....	....	Jessop.

The Resolution was then concurred in.

The Thirty-seventh Resolution respecting Immigration, having been again read,

Mr. Ross moved,

That the Resolution be now concurred in.

Mr. Morrison moved, in Amendment, seconded by Mr. Allen,
That the Resolution be not now concurred in but be forthwith recommitted to the Committee of Supply, with instructions to reduce the items by \$4,825, being the first five items, for the Liverpool immigration office.

And the Amendment, having been put, was lost on the following division :—

YEAS.

Messieurs :

Allen	Eilber	Lucas	Pyne
Barr	Fallis	Marter	Reid (Addington)
Boyd	Foy	Matheson	Reid (Durham)
Brower	Fox	Miscampbell	Robson
Carnegie	Gallagher	Monteith	Thompson
Carscallen	Hoyle	Morrison	Tucker
Colquhoun	Jamieson	McDiarmid	Wardell
Crawford	Kidd	McDonald	Whitney—37.
Dempsey	Kribs	McLaughlin	
Duff	Little	Powell	

NAYS.

Messieurs :

Auld	Dickenson	Hill	Pardo
Aylesworth	Douglas	Hislop	Pattullo
Barber	Dryden	Holmes	Pettypiece
Bleizard	Farwell	Latchford	Preston
Bridgland	Ferguson	Leys	Richardson
Brown	German	Loughrin	Ross
Burt	Gibson	Malcolm	Russell
Charlton	Graham	Mutrie	Smith
Clarke	Guibord	McKay	Stratton
Combee	Harcourt	McKee	Taylor
Davis	Harty	Pardee	Truax—44.

PAIRS.

Oaldwell	....	....	....	....	....	Beatty (Leeds).
Lumsden	....	....	....	....	....	White.
Carpenter	....	....	....	....	....	Joynt.
Beatty (Parry Sound)	....	....	....	....	....	Jessop.

The Resolution, having been then again put, was carried on the following division :—

YEAS.

Messieurs :

Auld	Dickenson	Hill	Pardo
Aylesworth	Douglas	Hislop	Pattullo
Barber	Dryden	Holmes	Pettypiece
Bleizard	Farwell	Latchford	Preston
Bridgland	Ferguson	Leys	Richardson
Brown	German	Loughrin	Ross
Burt	Gibson	Malcolm	Russell
Charlton	Graham	Mutrie	Smith
Clarke	Guibord	McKay	Stratton
Combee	Harcourt	McKee	Taylor
Davis	Harty	Pardee	Truax—44.

NAYS.

Messieurs :

Allen	Eilber	Lucas	Pyne
Barr	Fallis	Marter	Reid (Addington)
Boyd	Foy	Matheson	Reid (Durham)
Brower	Fox	Miscampbell	Robson
Carnegie	Gallagher	Monteith	Thompson
Carscallen	Hoyle	Morrison	Tucker
Colquhoun	Jamieson	McDiarmid	Wardell
Crawford	Kidd	McDonald	Whitney—37
Dempsey	Kribs	McLaughlin	
Duff	Little	Powell	

PAIRS.

Caldwell	....	....	....	....	....	Beatty (Leeas).
Lumsden	....	....	....	....	....	White.
Carpenter	....	....	....	....	....	Joynt.
Beatty (Parry Sound	....	....	....	....	....	Jessop.

The Resolution was then concurred in.

The Thirty-eighth Resolution, respecting Special Grants for Agricultural Purposes, having been again read,

Mr Ross moved,

That the Resolution be now concurred in.

Mr. Carnegie moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Little,

That the Resolution be not now concurred in, but be forthwith recommitted to the Committee of Supply, with instructions to reduce the item by \$2,600, being vote for Western Dairy School.

And the Amendment, having been put, was lost on the following division :—

YEAS.

Messieurs :

Allen	Eilber	Lucas	Pyne
Barr	Fallis	Marter	Reid (Addington)
Boyd	Foy	Matheson	Reid (Durham)
Brower	Fox	Miscampbell	Robson
Carnegie	Gallagher	Monteith	Thompson
Carscallen	Hoyle	Morrison	Tucker
Colquhoun	Jamieson	McDiarmid	Wardell
Crawford	Kidd	McDonald	Whitney—37.
Dempsey	Kribs	McLaughlin	
Duff	Little	Powell	

NAYS.

Messieurs :

Auld	Dickenson	Hill	Pardo
Aylsworth	Douglas	Hislop	Pattullo
Barber	Dryden	Holmes	Pettypiece
Bleizard	Farwell	Latchford	Preston
Bridgland	Ferguson	Leys	Richardson
Brown	German	Loughrin	Ross
Burt	Gibson	Malcolm	Russell
Charlton	Graham	Mutrie	Smith
Clarke	Guibord	McKay	Stratton
Connemee	Harcourt	McKee	Taylor
Davis	Harty	Pardee	Truax.—44.

PAIRS.

Caldwell	Beatty (Leeds).
Lumsden	White.
Carpenter	Joynt.
Beatty (Parry Sound)	Jessop.

The Resolution, having been then again put, was carried on the following division :—

YEAS.

Messieurs :

Auld	Dickenson	Hill	Pardo
Aylsworth	Douglas	Hislop	Pattullo
Barber	Dryden	Holmes	Pettypiece
Bleizard	Farwell	Latchford	Preston
Bridgland	Ferguson	Leys	Richardson
Brown	German	Loughrin	Ross
Burt	Gibson	Malcolm	Russell
Charlton	Graham	Mutrie	Smith
Clarke	Guibord	McKay	Stratton
Connemee	Harcourt	McKee	Taylor
Davis	Harty	Pardee	Truax.—44

NAYS.

Messieurs :

Allen	Eilber	Lucas	Pyne
Barr	Fallis	Marter	Reid (Addington)
Boyd	Foy	Matheson	Reid (Durham)
Brower	Fox	Miscampbell	Robson
Carnegie	Gallagher	Monteith	Thompson
Carscallen	Hoyle	Morrison	Tucker
Colquhoun	Jamieson	McDiarmid	Wardell
Crawford	Kidd	McDonald	Whitney.—37
Dempsey	Kribs	McLaughlin	
Duff	Little	Powell	

PAIRS.

The Resolution was then concurred in.

The Eighty-third Resolution, respecting the Reformatory for Boys, Oxford, having been again read,

Mr. Ross moved,

That the Resolution be now concurred in.

Mr. Thompson moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. White,

That the Resolution be not now concurred in, but be forthwith recommitted to the Committee of Supply, with instructions to reduce the item by \$30,000, being for Reformatory for Boys, Oxford.

And the Amendment, having been put, was lost on the following division :—

YEAS.

Messieurs :

Allen	Eilber	Lucas	Pyne
Barr	Falis	Marter	Reid (Addington)
Boyd	Foy	Matheson	Reid (Durham)
Brower	Fox	Miscampbell	Robson
Carnegie	Gallagher	Monteith	Thompson
Carscallen	Hoyle	Morrison	Tucker
Colquhoun	Jamieson	McDiarmid	Wardell
Crawford	Kidd	McDonald	Whitney—37
Dempsey	Kribs	McLaughlin	
Duff	Little	Powell	

NAYS.

Messieurs :

Auld	Dickinson	Hill	Pardo
Aylsworth	Douglas	Hislop	Pattulo
Barber	Dryden	Holmes	Pettypiece
Blezard	Farwell	Latchford	Preston
Bridgland	Ferguson	Leys	Richardson
Brown	German	Loughrin	Ross
Burt	Gibson	Malcolm	Russell
Charlton	Graham	Mutrie	Smith
Clarke	Guibord	McKay	Stratton
Conneme	Harcourt	McKee	Taylor
Davis	Harty	Pardee	Truax—44

PAIRS.

The Resolution, having been then again put, was carried on the following division :—

YEAS.

Messieurs :

Auld	Dickinson	Hill	Pardo
Aylsworth	Douglas	Hislop	Pattulo
Barber	Dryden	Holmes	Pettypiece
Bleizard	Farwell	Latchford	Preston
Bridgland	Ferguson	Leys	Richardson
Brown	German	Loughrin	Ross
Burt	Gibson	Malcolm	Russell
Charlton	Graham	Mutrie	Smith
Clarke	Guibord	McKay	Stratton
Conmee	Harcourt	McKee	Taylor
Davis	Harty	Pardee	Truax—44

NAYS.

Messieurs :

Allen	Eilber	Lucas	Pyne
Barr	Fallis	Marter	Reid (Addington)
Boyd	Foy	Matheson	Reid (Durham)
Brower	Fox	Miscampbell	Robson
Carnegie	Gallagher	Monteith	Thompson
Carscallen	Hoyle	Morrison	Tucker
Colquhoun	Jamieson	McDiarmid	Wardell
Crawford	Kidd	McDonald	Whitney—37
Dempsey	Kribs	McLaughlin	
Duff	Little	Powell	

PAIRS.

Caldwell	.....	.....	.....	Beatty (Leeds).
Lumsden	.....	.....	.....	White.
Carpenter	.....	.....	.....	Joynt.
Beatty (Parry Sound)	.....	.....	.....	Jessop,

The Resolution was then concurred in.

The Eighty-fifth Resolution, respecting Colonization and Mining Roads, having been again read was concurred in.

The House according to the Order, then resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, That there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of this Province a sum not exceeding Three millions nine hundred and twenty-five thousand six hundred and fifty-one dollars and eight cents (3,925,651.08), to meet the Supply to that extent granted to Her Majesty.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received forthwith.

Mr. Charlton, from the Committee on Ways and Means, reported a Resolution, which was read as follows :—

Resolved, That there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of this Province a sum not exceeding Three millions, nine hundred and twenty-five thousand, six hundred and fifty-one dollars and eight cents (\$3,925,651.08), to meet the Supply to that extent granted to Her Majesty.

The Resolution, having been read a second time was agreed to.

The following Bill was then introduced and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 264), intituled, "An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money to defray the expenses of Civil Government for the year one thousand nine hundred, and for other purposes therein mentioned."—Mr. Ross.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the second time.

The Bill was then read the second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The following Bills were severally read the third time and passed :—

Bill (No. 212), To enable the City of Stratford to guarantee for \$30,000 to be borrowed by Geo. McLagan.

Bill (No. 42), Respecting the Amherstburg Library and Reading-room Association.

Bill (No. 65), Respecting By-law No. 248 of the Town of Rat Portage.

Bill (No. 67), Respecting the Metropolitan Railway Company.

On motion of Mr. Harcourt, seconded by Mr. Dryden,

Resolved, That the full Sessional Indemnity be paid to the following Members, unavoidably absent, because of illness during a part of the Session, and in the case of Mr. Robson, because of his return not having been gazetted. Messieurs Pettypiece, Reid (Durham), Caldwell, Reid (Addington), Charlton, Powell, McKay, White, Richardson, McDonald, Leys, Little and Robson.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 262), Respecting Aid by Land Grant, to the Algoma Central Railway, having been read,

Mr. Ross moved.

That the Bill be now read the third time.

And a Debate having arisen thereon, it was

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 159), To amend the Ontario Election Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 260), The Municipal Amendment Act, 1900, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith referred back to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The House resolved itself into a Committee, severally to consider the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 7), Respecting the Town of Toronto Junction.

Bill (No. 74), To incorporate the Superior and James Bay Railway Company.

Bill (No. 75), Respecting the Ontario Belmont and Northern Railway Company.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills with certain Amendments.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bills reported, be severally read the third time forthwith.

The Bills were then severally read the third time and passed.

Mr. Stratton presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor:—

Report of the Principal of Upper Canada College, and Bursar's statement showing Receipts and Disbursements, for the year 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 83*).

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the ninth day of April instant, for a Return of copies of all correspondence between the License Commissioners or License Inspector for the East Riding of the County of Lambton, or any person, relating to the issuing of a Liquor License in the village of Thedford for the year 1900. (*Sessional Papers No. 84*).

The House then adjourned at 11 p.m.

Friday, 27th April, 1900.

PRAYERS.

11 O'CLOCK A M.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 238), To amend the Statute Law, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 38), Respecting the City of St. Catharines, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 19), Respecting the City of Toronto, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The following Bills were severally read the third time and passed :—

Bill (No. 3), Respecting certain Debentures of the Town of Bracebridge and the Township of Stephenson.

Bill (No. 261), The Drainage Amendment Act, 1900.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 78), Respecting certain matters pertaining to the City of Toronto, having been read,

Mr. Crawford moved,

That the Bill be now read the third time.

Mr. Barber moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Foy,

That all the words of the Motion, after the word "That" be omitted, and the following substituted: "the Bill be not now read the third time but be forthwith recommitted to a Committee of the Whole House, with instructions to amend the same, by inserting the following, as Section 5 :

" Either the Municipal Corporation of the City of Toronto, or the said Toronto Railway Company, in case of neglect or failure on the part of the Toronto Railway Company, or on the part of the Corporation of the City of Toronto, as the case may be, to observe and perform any of the covenants, agreements, obligations and provisions contained in the said Act and in the said agreement and conditions incorporated therewith, may bring an action to compel the performance of, or, to restrain the violation of any of the said covenants, obligations, agreements or provisions, and the Court before whom the action shall be tried shall, notwithstanding any rule of law or practice to the contrary, enquire into such alleged breach and determine the nature and extent thereof and in case it is found that the act or omission complained of, constitutes a breach of the said covenant, obligations, agreements or provisions, the Court shall make an order specifying what things shall be done or forbore by the defendants as a substantial compliance with the said Act, agreements and conditions, and every such order shall be enforceable in the same manner and to the same extent as an injunction or mandamus granted by the Court."

And the Amendment, having been put, was carried on the following division :—

YEAS.

Messieurs :

Allen	Duff	Marter	Reid (Addington)
Barber	Fallis	Matheson	Richardson
Beatty (Leeds)	Farwell	Miscampbell	Robson
Bleizard	Foy	Monteith	Ross
Bridgland	Graham	Morrison	Russell
Brower	Hill	McDiarmid	Stratton
Carnegie	Hoyle	McDonald	Taylor
Clarke	Jamieson	McLaughlin	Thompson
Oolquhoun	Kidd	Pardee	Truax
Crawford	Kribs	Pardo	Tucker
Davis	Little	Powell	Wardell
Dempsey	Loughrin	Preston	White
Douglas	Lucas	Pyne	Whitney—52

NAYS.

Messieurs :

Brown	Ferguson	Holmes	McKay
Charlton	Guibord	Leys	McKee—14
Connée	Harcourt	Malcolm	
Dickenson	Harty	Mutrie	

PAIRS—None.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 12), Respecting By-law 127 of the Town of Wiarton, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

On motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Gibson,

Resolved, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolution :—

That the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) be applied out of the Consolidated Revenue towards the relief of the sufferers from the recent disastrous fire at or in the City of Ottawa, in this Province, and the City of Hull, in the Province of Quebec, said sum to be paid as the Lieutenant Governor in Council may direct.

Mr. Ross acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolution, recommends it to the consideration of the House

The House then resolved itself into the Committee.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, That the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) be applied out of the Consolidated Revenue towards the relief of the sufferers from the recent disastrous fire at or in the City of Ottawa, in this Province, and the City of Hull, in the Province of Quebec, said sum to be paid as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may direct.

The Resolution having been read the second time, was agreed to, and referred to Bill (No. 265), For granting aid to the sufferers by the late disastrous fire in the Cities of Ottawa and Hull.

The following Bill was thereupon introduced and read the first time :—

Bill (No. 265), intituled "An Act for granting Aid to the sufferers by the late disastrous fire in the Cities of Ottawa and Hull." Mr. Ross.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time and passed.

The Order of the Day for resuming the Adjourned Debate, on the motion for the third reading of Bill (No. 262), Respecting Aid by Land Grant to the Algoma Central Railway, having been read,

The Debate was resumed,

And after some time,

The Motion, for the third reading, having been again put, was carried on the following division :—

YEAS.

Messieurs :

Auld	Conmee	Harty	Pardo
Aylsworth	Davis	Hill	Pattullo
Barber	Dickenson	Hislop	Preston
Beatty (Parry Sound)	Douglas	Holmes	Richardson
Bleizard	Dryden	Latchford	Ross
Bowman	Farwell	Leys	Russell
Bridgland	Ferguson	Loughrin	Smith
Brown	German	Malcolm	Stratton
Burt	Gibson	Mutrie	Taylor
Carpenter	Graham	McKay	Truax—46.
Charlton	Guibord	McKee	
Clarke	Harcourt	Pardee	

NAYS.

Messieurs :

Allen	Eilber	Kribs	McLaughlin
Barr	Fallis	Little	Powell
Beatty (Leeds)	Foy	Lucas	Reid (Addington)
Boyd	Fox	Marter	Reid (Durham)
Brower	Gallagher	Matheson	Robson
Carnegie	Hoye	McCampbell	Thompson
Colquhoun	Jamieson	Monteith	Tucker
Crawford	Jessop	Morrison	Wardell
Dempsey	Joynt	Macdiarmid	Whitney—39.
Duff	Kidd	McDonald	

PAIRS.

Caldwell	Carscallen.
Lumsden.....	White.
Pettypiece.....	Pyne.

And the Bill was then read the third time and passed.

The following Bills were severally read the third time and passed :—

Bill (No. 233), To amend The Mines Act.

Bill (No. 257), Respecting the enforcement of certain Contracts entered into with Municipal Corporations.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 97), Respecting the Manufacture of Spruce and other Pulpwood cut on the Crown Domain, having been read.

Mr. Davis moved,

That the Bill be now read the third time.

Mr. Whitney moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Marter,

That all the words of the Motion, after the word "That" be omitted, and the following substituted : "the Bill be not now read the third time, but be forthwith committed to a Committee of the Whole House with instructions to amend the same by adding thereto a clause, providing that all pulp lands be sold, subject to public competition.

And exception having been taken to the proposed Amendment,

Mr. Speaker decided, That inasmuch as the subject matter thereof, had, during the current Session, already been decided upon by the House, the Amendment could not be entertained.

The Motion for the third reading having been again put, was carried, and the Bill was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Davis moved, seconded by Harcourt,

That this House doth ratify a certain Agreement, made by and between Her Majesty, represented by the Commissioner of Crown Lands, of the one part, and the Nepigon Pulp, Paper and Manufacturing Company, Limited, of the other part, and bearing date the 18th day of April, 1900, but such ratification shall not be deemed by inference, or otherwise,

to confer any authority upon the said Company to construct the said dam or water power on the said River Nepigon.

And the Motion, having been put, was carried on the following division :—

YEAS.

Messieurs :

Auld	Clarke	Guibord	Pardee
Aylsworth	Conmee	Harcourt	Pardo
Barber	Davis	Harty	Preston
Beatty (Parry Sound)	Dickenson	Hislop	Richardson
Bleizard	Douglas	Holmes	Ross
Bowman	Dryden	Latchford	Russell
Bridgland	Farwell	Loughrin	Smith
Brown	Ferguson	Malcolm	Stratton
Burt	German	Mutrie	Taylor
Carpenter	Gibson	McKay	Truax—43.
Charlton	Graham	McKee	

NAYS.

Messieurs :

Allen	Duff	Kribs	McDonald
Barr	Eilber	Little	McLaughlin
Beatty (Leeds)	Fallis	Lucas	Pyne
Boyd	Foy	Marter	Reid (Addington)
Brower	Fox	Matheson	Reid (Durham)
Carnegie	Hoyle	Miscampbell	Thompson
Colquhoun	Jamieson	Monteith	Tucker
Crawford	Joyst	Morrison	Wardell
Dempsey	Kidd	Macdiarmid	Whitney—36.

PAIRS.

Lumsden	....	....	....	White.
Caldwell	....	....	....	Carscallen.
Pettypiece	....	....	....	Jessop.
Leys	....	....	....	Robson.
Hill	....	....	....	Gallagher.
Pattullo	....	....	....	Powell.

And it was

Resolved, That this House doth ratify a certain Agreement, made by and between Her Majesty, represented by the Commissioner of Crown Lands, of the one part, and the Nepigon Pulp, Paper and Manufacturing Company, Limited, of the other part, and bearing date the 18th day of April, 1900, but such ratification shall not be deemed by inference, or otherwise, to confer any authority upon the said Company to construct the said dam or water power on the said River Nepigon.

Mr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Stratton,

That this House doth ratify a certain Agreement, made by and between Her Majesty

represented by the Commissioner of Crown Lands, of the one part, and the Blanche River Pulp and Paper Company, Limited, of the other part, and bearing date the 14th day of April 1900.

And the Motion, having been put, was carried on the following division :—

YEAS.

Messieurs :

Auld	Clarke	Guibord	Pardee
Aylsworth	Connée	Harcourt	Pardo
Barber	Davis	Harty	Preston
Beatty (Parry Sound)	Dickenson	Hislop	Richardson
Bleizard	Douglas	Holmes	Ross
Bowman	Dryden	Latchford	Russell
Bridgland	Farwell	Loughrin	Smith
Brown	Ferguson	Malcolm	Stratton
Burt	German	Mutrie	Taylor
Carpenter	Gibson	McKay	Truax—43.
Charlton	Graham	McKee	

NAYS :

Messieurs :

Allen	Duff	Kribs	McDonald
Barr	Eilber	Little	McLaughlin
Beatty (Leeds)	Fallis	Lucas	Pyne
Boyd	Foy	Marter	Reid (Addington)
Brower	Fox	Matheson	Reid (Durham)
Carnegie	Hoyle	Miscampbell	Thompson
Colquhoun	Jamieson	Monteith	Tucker
Crawford	Joynt	Morrison	Wardell
Dempsey	Kidd	Macdiarmid	Whitney—36.

PAIRS.

Lumsden	....	....	....	....	....	White.
Oaldwell	....	....	....	....	....	Carscallen
Pettypiece	....	....	....	....	....	Jessop.
Leys	....	....	....	....	....	Robson.
Hill	....	....	....	....	....	Gallagher
Pattullo	....	....	....	....	....	Powell.

And it was

Resolved, That this House doth ratify a certain Agreement, made by and between Her Majesty, represented by the Commissioner of Crown Lands, of the one part, and the Blanche River Pulp and Paper Company, Limited, of the other part, and bearing date the 14th day of April 1900.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 259), The Assessment Amendment Act, 1900, having been read,

Mr. Davis moved,

That the Bill be now read the third time.

Mr. Pyne moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Wardell.

That all the words of the motion, after the word "That" be omitted, and the following substituted : "the Bill be not now read the third time, but be forthwith committed to a Committee of the Whole House, with instructions to amend the same by inserting the following :—

"Section 18 of The Assessment Act is amended by adding after the word 'property' in fourth line thereof, the following words :—

"Except the ways, rails, poles, wires, gas and other pipes, sub-structures, super-structures, and other plant and appliances belonging to street railways, telegraph, telephone, gas, electric light, water and other similar companies, within any city."

And by adding at the end of the section the following words :—

"The said ways, rails, poles, wires, gas and other pipes, sub-structures, super-structures, and other plant and appliances within any city or town, belonging to a street railway, telegraph, telephone, gas, electric light, water and other similar companies, shall be assessable in the ward in which the head office of such company is situated, if such head office is situated in such city or town, but if the head office of such company is not in such city or town, then the assessment may be in any ward of such city or town, and such ways, rails, poles, wires, gas and other pipes, sub-structure, super-structures, and other plant and appliances shall be assessed at their fair value to the owner as plant and material in use to be estimated at what it would cost him to replace them by other plant and material."

And the Amendment, having been put, was lost on the following division :—

YEAS.

Messieurs :

Allen	Duff	Kribs	McDonald
Barr	Eilber	Little	McLaughlin
Beatty (Leeds)	Fallis	Lucas	Pyne
Boyd	Foy	Marter	Reid (Addington)
Brower	Fox	Matheson	Reid (Durham)
Carnegie	Hoyle	Miscambell	Thompson
Colquhoun	Jamieson	Monteith	Tucker
Crawford	Joynt	Morrison	Wardell
Dempsey	Kidd	McDiarmid	Whitney.—36.

NAYS.

Messieurs :

Auld	Clarke	Guibord	Pardee
Aylsworth	Conmee	Harcourt	Pardo
Barber	Davis	Harty	Preston
Beatty (Parry Sound)	Dickenson	Hislop	Richardson
Bleizard	Douglas	Holmes	Ross
Bowman	Dryden	Latchford	Russell
Bridgland	Farwell	Loughrin	Smith
Brown	Ferguson	Malcolm	Stratton
Burt	German	Mutrie	Taylor
Carpenter	Gibson	McKay	Truax.—43.
Charlton	Graham	McKee	

PAIRS.

Lumsden .....	.....	.....	.....	White.
Caldwell ..	.....	.....	.....	Carscallen.
Pettypiece .....	.....	.....	.....	Jessop.
Leys .....	.....	.....	.....	Robson.
Hill...	.....	.....	.....	Gallagher.
Pattullo....	.....	.....	.....	Powell.

The Motion for the third reading, having been then again put, was carried, and
The Bill was read the third time and passed.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 240), Respecting the Supplementary Revenues of the Province, having been read.

Mr. Ross moved,

That the Bill be now read the third time.

Mr. Foy moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Matheson,

That all the words of the Motion, after the word "That" be omitted, and the following substituted; "the Bill be not now read the third time, but be forthwith committed to a Committee of the Whole House, with instructions to amend the same by inserting the following,

"14. Section 6 of the said Act is hereby repealed."

And the Amendment, having been put, was lost on the following division :—

YEAS.

Messieurs :

Allen	Duff	Kribs	McDonald
Barr	Eilber	Little	McLaughlin
Beatty (Leeds)	Fallis	Lucas	Pyne
Boyd	Foy	Marter	Reid (Addington)
Brower	Fox	Matheson	Reid (Durham)
Carnegie	Hoyle	Miscampbell	Thompson
Colquhoun	Jamieson	Monteith	Tucker
Crawford	Joyst	Morrison	Wardell
Dempsey	Kidd	Macdiarmid	Whitney.—36.

NAYS.

Messieurs :

Auld	Clarke	Guibord	Pardee
Aylsworth	Connee	Harcourt	Pardo
Barber	Davis	Harty	Preston
Beatty (Parry Sound)	Dickenson	Hislop	Richardson
Bleizard	Douglas	Holmes	Ross
Bowman	Dryden	Latchford	Russell
Bridgland	Farwell	Loughrin	Smith
Brown	Ferguson	Malcolm	Stratton
Burt	German	Mutrie	Taylor
Carpenter	Gibson	McKay	Truax.—43.
Charlton	Graham	McKee	

PAIRS.

Lumsden .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	White.
Caldwell .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Carscallen.
Pettypiece .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Jessop.
Leys .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Robson.
Hill .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Gallagher.
Pattullo .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Powell.

The Motion for the third reading, having been then again put was carried, and
The Bill was read the third time and passed.

The Order of the Day for the third Reading of Bill (No. 263), Respecting Aid to certain Railways, having been read.

Mr. Latchford moved,

That the Bill be now read the third time.

Mr. Whitney moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Marter,

That all the words of the Motion, after the word "That" be omitted, and the following substituted : "the Bill be not now read the third time, but be forthwith committed to a Committee of the Whole House, with instructions to amend the same by adding a clause thereto providing that all the grants therein mentioned be made by way of loan.

And the Amendment, having been put, was lost on the following division :—

YEAS.

Messieurs :

Allen	Duff	Kribs	McDonald
Barr	Eilber	Little	McLaughlin
Beatty (Leeds)	Fallis	Lucas	Pyne
Boyd	Foy	Marter	Reid (Addington)
Brower	Fox	Matheson	Reid (Durham)
Carnegie	Hoyle	Miscampbell	Thompson
Colquhoun	Jamieson	Monteith	Tucker
Crawford	Joynt	Morrison	Wardell
Dempsey	Kidd	McDiarmid	Whitney.—36.

NAYS.

Messieurs :

Auld	Clarke	Guibord	Pardee
Aylsworth	Conmee	Harcourt	Pardo
Barber	Davis	Harty	Preston
Beatty (Parry Sound)	Dickenson	Hislop	Richardson
Bleizard	Douglas	Holmes	Ross
Bowman	Dryden	Latchford	Russell
Bridgland	Farwell	Loughrin	Smith
Brown	Ferguson	Malcolm	Stratton
Burt	German	Mutrie	Taylor
Carpenter	Gibson	McKay	Truax.—43.
Charlton	Graham	McKee	

PAIRS.

Lumsden ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	White.
Caldwell ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Carscallen.
Pettypiece ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Jessop.
Leys ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Robson.
Hill ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Gallagher.
Pattullo ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Powell.

The Motion for the third reading, having been then again put, was carried on the following division :—

YEAS.

Messieurs :

Allen	Clarke	Guibord	McKay
Auld	Conmee	Harcourt	McKee
Beatty (Parry Sound)	Davis	Harty	Pardee
Ble zard	Dickenson	Hislip	Pardo
Bowman	Douglas	Holmes	Preston
Bridgland	Dryden	Latchford	Reid (Addington)
Brown	Ferguson	Loughrin	Richardson
Burt	German	Malcolm	Ross
Carpenter	Gibson	Morrison	Russell
Charlton	Graham	Mutrie	Smith
			Stratton—41.

NAYS.

Messieurs :

Barr	Fallis	Kribs	McLaughlin
Boyd	Eilber	Lucas	Pyne
Brower	Foy	Marter	Reid (Durham)
Carnegie	Fox	Matheson	Thompson
Colquoun	Hoyle	Miscampbell	Tucker
Crawford	Joynt	Macdiarmid	Wardell
Dempsey	Kidd	McDonald	Whitney—28.

PAIRS.

Lumsden ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	White.
Caldwell ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Carscallen.
Pettypiece ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Jessop.
Leys ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Robson.
Pattullo ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Powell.
Hill ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Gallagher.
Truax ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Jamieson.
Taylor ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Monteith.
Farwell ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Duff.
Barber ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Little.

And the Bill was read the third time and passed.

The Order of the day for the third reading of Bill (No. 159), To amend the Ontario Election Act, having been read,

Mr. Gibson moved,

That the Bill be now read the third time.

Mr. Whitney moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Marter,

That all the words of the Motion, after the word "That" be omitted, and the following substituted: "the Bill be not now read the third time, but be forthwith committed to a Committee of the Whole House with instructions to amend the same by inserting the following as section 32 thereof:—

"32. All the provisions of the said Act relating to a number to be printed on the back of the Ballot and on the face of the counterfoil are hereby repealed."

And the Amendment having been put, was lost on the following division:

YEAS.

Messieurs :

Allen	Duff	Kribs	McDonald
Barr	Eilber	Little	McLaughlin
Beatty (Leeds)	Fallis	Lucas	Pyne
Boyd	Foy	Marter	Reid (Addington)
Brower	Fox	Matheson	Reid (Durham)
Carnegie	Hoyle	Miscampbell	Thompson
Colquhoun	Jamieson	Monteith	Tucker
Crawford	Joynt	Morrison	Wardell
Dempsey	Kidd	Macdiarmid	Whitney.—36.

NAYS.

Messieurs :

Auld	Clarke	Guibord	Pardes
Aylsworth	Conmee	Harcourt	Pardo
Barber	Davis	Harty	Preston
Beatty (Parry Sound)	Dickenson	Hislop	Richardson
Bleazard	Douglas	Holmes	Ross
Bowman	Dryden	Latchford	Russell
Bridgland	Farwell	Loughrin	Smith
Brown	Ferguson	Malcolm	Stratton
Burt	German	Mutrie	Taylor
Carpenter	Gibson	McKay	Truax.—43.
Charlton	Graham	McKee	

PAIRS.

Lumsden	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	White.
Caldwell	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Carscallen.
Pettypiece	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Jessop.
Leys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Robson.
Hill	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Gallagher.
Pattullo	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Powell.

The Motion for the third reading, having been again put,

Mr. Whitney moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Wardell,

That all the words of the Motion after the word "That" be omitted, and the following substituted: "the Bill be not now read the third time but be forthwith committed to a Committee of the Whole House with instructions to amend the same by inserting the following section at the end thereof:—

"Paragraph 1 in section 106 of the Election Act is amended by adding thereto the following words "and the marking of the Ballot paper under this section shall take place at the desk or table of the Deputy Returning Officer and not in the compartment in which other Ballots are marked, and during such marking the Deputy Returning Officer shall direct any candidate or person other than the agents of the respective candidates to withdraw from the polling place until after the marking of the Ballot,"

And the Amendment, having been put, was lost on the following division:

YEAS.

Messieurs :

Allen	Duff	Kribs	McDonald
Barr	Eilber	Little	McLaughlin
Beatty (Leeds)	Fallis	Lucas	Pyne
Boyd	Foy	Marter	Reid (Addington)
Brower	Fox	Matheson	Reid (Durham)
Carnegie	Hoyle	Miscampbell	Thompson
Colquhoun	Jamieson	Monteith	Tucker
Crawford	Joynt	Morrison	Wardell
Dempsey	Kidd	Macdiarmid	Whitney.—36.

Names

Messieurs :

Auld	Clarke	Guibord	Pardée
Aylsworth	Conmee	Harcourt	Pardo
Barber	Davis	Harty	Preston
Beatty (Parry Sound)	Dickenson	Hislop	Richardson
Blezard	Douglas	Holmes	Ross
Bowman	Dryden	Latchford	Russell
Bridgland	Farwell	Loughrin	Smith
Brown	Ferguson	Malcolm	Stratton
Burt	German	Mutrie	Taylor
Carpenter	Gibson	McKay	Truax.—43.
Charlton	Graham	McKee	

PAIRS

The Motion for the third reading, having been again put,

Mr. Marter moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Whitney,

That all the words of the Motion, after the word "That" be omitted, and the following substituted : "the Bill be not now read the third time, but be forthwith committed to a Committee of the Whole House, with instructions to amend the same by inserting the following section at the end thereof :—

"Section 103 of The Election Act is amended by striking out all the words therein after the word "vote" in the seventeenth line of the said section, and inserting in lieu thereof the following "Show the initials and number on the back of the Ballot paper to the Deputy Returning Officer but without unfolding the Ballot paper, and the Deputy Returning Officer shall verify his own initials and the number on the back of the paper and the voter shall at once deposit the Ballot paper in the ballot box, in the presence of the persons entitled to be present and then present at the polling place, and the voter shall forthwith leave the polling place."

And the Amendment, having been put, was lost on the following division:

YEARS.

Messieurs :

Allen	Duff	Kribs	McDonald
Barr	Eilber	Little	McLaughlin
Beatty (Leeds)	Fallis	Lucas	Pyne
Boyd	Foy	Marter	Reid (Addington)
Brower	Fox	Matheson	Reid (Durham)
Carnegie	Hoyle	Miscampbell	Thompson
Colquhoun	Jamieson	Monteith	Tucker
Crawford	Joynt	Morrison	Wardell
Dempsey	Kidd	Macdiarmid	Whitney.—36.

NAVE.

Messieurs :

Auld	Clarke	Guibord	Pardee
Aylsworth	Conmee	Harcourt	Pardo
Barber	Davis	Harty	Preston
Beatty (Parry Sound)	Dickenson	Hislop	Richardson
Blezzard	Douglas	Holmes	Ross
Bowman	Dryden	Latchford	Russell
Bridgland	Farwell	Loughrin	Smith
Brown	Ferguson	Malcolm	Stratton
Burt	German	Mutrie	Taylor
Carpenter	Gibson	McKay	Truax.—43.
Charlton	Graham	McKee	

PAIRS.

The Motion for the third reading, having been again put,

Mr. Matheson, moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Miscampbell,

That all the words of the motion after the word "That" be omitted, and the following substituted : "the Bill be not now read the third time, but be forthwith committed to a Committee of the whole House with instructions to amend the same by inserting the following Section as an amendment to section 147 :

(a) "The Deputy Returning Officer acting at any polling place shall, at the request of any candidate, or agent of a candidate, direct the constable or some other person present to detain any person charged with the offence of impersonation by such agent until an information be drawn up and a warrant issued for the arrest of the person charged in the manner provided by Chapter 10 of The Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1897."

And the Amendment having been put, was lost on the following division :—

YEAS.

Messieurs :

Allen	Duff	Kribbs	McDonald
Barr	Eilber	Little	McLaughlin
Beatty (Leeds)	Fallis	Lucas	Pyne
Boyd	Foy	Marter	Reid (Addington)
Brower	Fox	Matheson	Reid (Durham)
Carnegie	Hoyle	Miscampbell	Thompson
Colquhoun	Jamieson	Monteith	Tucker
Crawford	Joynt	Morrison	Wardell
Dempsey	Kidd	Macdiarmid	Whitney.—36

NAYS.

Messieurs :

Auld	Clarke	Guibord	Pardee
Aylesworth	Conmee	Harcourt	Pardo
Barber	Davis	Harty	Preston
Beatty (Parry Sound)	Dickenson	Hislop	Richardson
Bleazard	Douglas	Holmes	Ross
Bowman	Dryden	Latchford	Russell
Bridgland	Farwell	Loughrin	Smith
Brown	Ferguson	Malcolm	Stratton
Burt	German	Mutrie	Taylor
Carpenter	Gibson	McKay	Truax.—43
Charlton	Graham	McKee	

PAIRS.

Lumsden	White.
Caldwell	Carscallen.
Pettypiece	Jessop.
Leys	Robson.
Hill	Gallagher.
Pattullo	Powell.

The Motion for the third reading having been again put,

Mr. Pyne moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Wardell,

That all the words of the motion after the word "That" be omitted, and the following substituted : "the Bill be not now read the third time but be forthwith committed to a Committee of the whole House with instructions to amend the same by adding thereto the following :

"Subsection 5 of Section 43 of the Election Act, is amended by adding after the word "same" in the 3rd line the following words, "and in doing so shall, as far as possible, use the public buildings or other polling places at which the Municipal Elections are usually held."

And the Amendment, having been put, was lost on the following division :—

YEAS.

Messieurs :

Allen	Duff	Kribs	McDonald
Barr	Eilber	Little	McLaughlin
Beatty (Leeds)	Fallis	Lucas	Pyne
Boyd	Foy	Marter	Reid (Addington)
Brower	Fox	Matheson	Reid (Durham)
Carnegie	Hoyle	Miscampbell	Thompson
Colquhoun	Jamieson	Monteith	Tucker
Crawford	Joynt	Morrison	Wardell
Dempsey	Kidd	Macdiarmid	Whitney.—36.

NAYS.

Messieurs :

Auld	Clarke	Guibord	Pardee
Aylsworth	Conmee	Harcourt	Pardo
Barber	Davis	Harty	Preston
Beatty (Parry Sound)	Dickenson	Hislop	Richardson
Bleizard	Douglas	Holmes	Ross
Bowman	Dryden	Latchford	Russell
Bridgland	Farwell	Loughrin	Smith
Brown	Ferguson	Malcolm	Stratton
Burt	German	Mutrie	Taylor
Carpenter	Gibson	McKay	Truax —43.
Charlton	Graham	McKee	

PAIRS.

Lumsden	.....	.....	White.
Caldwell	.....	.....	Carscallen.
Pettypiece	.....	.....	Jessop.
Leys	.....	.....	Robson.
Hill	.....	.....	Gallagher.
Pattullo	.....	.....	Powell.

The Motion for the third reading, having been then again put, was carried on the following division :—

YEAS.

Messieurs :

Auld	Clarke	Guibord	Pardee
Aylsworth	Connée	Harcourt	Pardo
Barber	Davis	Harty	Preston
Beatty (Parry Sound)	Dickenson	Hislop	Richardson
Blezzard	Douglas	Holmes	Ross
Bowman	Dryden	Latchford	Russell
Bridgland	Farwell	Loughrin	Smith
Brown	Ferguson	Malcolm	Stratton
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NAYS.

Messieurs :

Allen	Duff	Kribs	McDonald
Barr	Eilber	Little	McLaughlin
Beatty (Leeds)	Fallis	Lucas	Pyne
Boyd	Foy	Marter	Reid (Addington)
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Carnegie	Hoyle	Miscampbell	Thompson
Colquhoun	Jamieson	Monteith	Tucker
Crawford	Joyst	Morrison	Wardell
Dempsey	Kidd	Macdiarmid	Whitney,—36.

PAIRS.

Lumsden....	....	....	....	....	....	White.
Caldwell	....	....	....	....	....	Carscallen.
Pettypiece ..	....	....	....	....	....	Jessop.
Leys....	....	....	....	....	....	Robson.
Hill	....	....	....	....	....	Gallagher.
Pattullo	....	....	....	....	....	Powell.

The Bill was then read a third time and passed.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 168), to amend the Street Railways Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Charlton reported, that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The following Bill was read the second time :—

Bill (No. 199), to incorporate the Town of East Toronto.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Charlton reported, that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of (Bill No. 77), to authorize the Law Society of Upper Canada to admit Alexander Jarvis McComber to practise as a Solicitor, having been read,

Ordered, That the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No 77),
A. J. McComber.

On Motion of Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Gibson,

Resolved, That when this House adjourns To-day, it do stand adjourned until Monday next, at three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Mr. Wardell moved, seconded by Mr. Pyne,

That the Report of the Select Committee on Bill (No. 113), Relating to the employment of Aliens in Ontario, presented to the House on the 24th day of April instant, be not adopted, but that it be recommitted to the Committee with instructions to report the Bill.

Mr. Speaker decided, That as the Report referred to had already been adopted by the House, without dissent, he could not put the motion and must declare it to be out of order.

Mr. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Duff,

That in consideration of the fact that Agriculture is the chief industry of the Province of Ontario, and that a large tract of fertile land in New Ontario is still unoccupied, this House is of the opinion that the appointment of a Committee on Agriculture and Colonization would advance the interest of Agriculture and assist in the settlement of New Ontario, such Committee to be considered as one of the Standing Committees of this House.

And the Motion, having been put, was lost on a division.

The House then adjourned at 8 p.m.

Monday, 30th April, 1900.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Bill was introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 266), intituled "An Act to enable the City of Ottawa to issue Debentures to assist in defraying the losses occasioned by the late Fire." Mr. Ross.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the second time and referred forthwith to a Committee of the Whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself in the Committee and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Charlton reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

Mr. Graham, from the Standing Committee on Printing, presented their Third Report, which was read as follows:—

The Committee recommend that the following Documents be printed:—

Report of the Bureau of Mines, 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 5.*)

Report of the Commissioners for the Queen Victoria Niagara Falls Park, 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 6.*)

Report of the Fruit Growers Associations, 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 16.*)

Report of the Fruit Experiment Stations, 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 17.*)

Report of the Poultry Associations, 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 21.*)

Report of the Cheese and Butter Associations, 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 22.*)

Report of the Live Stock Associations, 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 23.*)

Report of the Superintendent of Farmers' Institutes, 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 24.*)

Report of the Provincial Instructor in Road-making, 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 25.*)

Report of the Bureau of Industries, 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 26.*)

Report of the Inspector of Registry Offices, 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 31.*)

Report of the Provincial Board of Health, 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 32.*)

Report of the Secretary and Registrar of the Province, 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 33.*)

Report on Workmen's Compensation for Injuries, Mavor. (*Sessional Papers No. 48.*)

Agreement with Blanche River Pulp Company. (*Sessional Papers No. 49.*)

Agreement with the Nepigon Pulp Company. (*Sessional Papers No. 80.*)

Report of Principal of Upper Canada College, with Bursar's Statement for the year 1899. (*Sessional Papers No. 83.*)

The Committee recommend that the following Documents be not printed.—

Return *re* investment of Infants' Funds by Court. (*Sessional Papers No. 53.*)

Return of moneys on deposit in Supreme Court. (*Sessional Papers No. 55.*)

Return *re* Sittings of County and District Courts, General Sessions, etc. (*Sessional Papers No. 81.*)

Return of correspondence, Leeds and Grenville, *re* Criminal Justice Account. (*Sessional Papers No. 82.*)

Return of correspondence *re* Thedford license. (*Sessional Papers No. 84.*)

Resolved, That this House doth concur in the Third Report of the Committee on Printing.

3.15 o'CLOCK P.M.

His Honour the Honourable SIR OLIVER MOWAT, G.C.M.G., Member of our Privy Council of Canada, etc., etc., the Lieutenant-Governor, proceeded in State to the Chamber of the Legislative Assembly, and took his seat on the Throne.

The Clerk Assistant then read the titles of the Bills that had passed, severally as follows :—

2. An Act to amend The Voters' Lists Act.
3. An Act for preserving to Canadian Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men now serving Her Majesty in South Africa their rights of Franchise in Ontario.
4. An Act to amend The Ontario Election Act.
5. An Act to amend The Ontario Controverted Elections Act.
6. An Act respecting the Supplementary Revenues of the Province of Ontario.
7. An Act for granting aid to the sufferers by the late disastrous Fire in the Cities of Ottawa and Hull.
8. The Provincial Drainage Aid Act.
9. An Act respecting Provincial Aid towards the establishment of Municipal Cold Storage Buildings.
10. An Act respecting the Debt of the Township of Dunwich.
11. An Act respecting the manufacture of Spruce and other Pulp Wood cut on the Crown Domain.
12. An Act to amend The Act to establish Forest Reserves.
13. An Act to amend The Mines Act.
14. An Act respecting the Bureau of Labour.
15. An Act to confirm an agreement between the Commissioners for the Queen Victoria Niagara Falls Park and the Fort Erie Ferry Railway Company and relating to the said Company.
16. An Act to amend The Algonquin National Park Act.
17. An Act to amend the Statute Law.
18. An Act to amend The Trustee Investment Act.
19. An Act to amend The Registry Act.
20. An Act to amend The Act respecting the Law Society of Upper Canada.
21. An Act to amend The Pharmacy Act.
22. An Act to amend The Act respecting Land Surveyors.
23. An Act to amend The Ontario Companies Act.
24. An Act respecting the licensing of Extra-Provincial Corporations.
25. An Act to amend The Act respecting Cheese and Butter Manufacturing Associations and Companies.
26. An Act to provide for the Incorporation of Co-operative Cold Storage Associations.
27. An Act to amend The Loan Corporations Act.
28. An Act respecting certain Railways.
29. An Act respecting Aid to certain Railways.
30. An Act respecting Aid by Land Grant to the Algoma Central Railway Company.
31. An Act to amend The Street Railway Act.
32. An Act respecting Mortgages by Electric Railway Companies or Street Railway Companies.
33. The Municipal Amendment Act, 1900.
34. The Assessment Amendment Act, 1900.
35. An Act respecting the enforcement of certain contracts entered into with Municipal Corporations.

36. An Act authorizing Municipal and other grants for the benefit of Canadians on military service in South Africa.
37. An Act to permit municipalities to use Voting machines.
38. The Drainage Amendment Act, 1900.
39. An Act to amend The Municipal Arbitrations Act.
40. An Act to amend The Act to regulate travelling on Public Highways and Bridges.
41. An Act respecting Travelling Shows.
42. An Act to amend The Act respecting Brewers and Distillers and other Licenses.
43. An Act to amend The Ontario Shops Regulation Act.
44. An Act to amend The Act for the prevention of Accidents by Fire in Hotels and other like Buildings.
45. An Act to amend The Act to preserve the Forests from destruction by Fire.
46. An Act to amend The San José Scale Act.
47. An Act for the prevention and destruction of certain Noxious Insects.
48. An Act respecting the Barberry Shrub.
49. An Act to amend and consolidate The Ontario Game Protection Act.
50. An Act respecting the Fisheries of Ontario.
51. An Act respecting the payment of Wolf Bounty.
52. An Act to amend The Act respecting the Education Department.
53. An Act to improve The Public Schools Act.
54. An Act to improve The High Schools Act.
55. An Act respecting Upper Canada College.
56. An Act respecting Industrial Schools.
57. An Act respecting Municipal Sanatoria for Consumptives.
58. An Act to amend The Charity Aid Act.
59. An Act to consolidate the floating debt of the Township of Anderdon.
60. An Act to confirm a certain by-law and agreement of the Municipal Corporation of the Town of Arnprior.
61. An Act to consolidate the Debenture Debt of the Village of Arthur.
62. An Act respecting By-law No. 483 of the Town of Barrie.
63. An Act respecting certain Debentures of the Town of Bracebridge and the Township of Stephenson.
64. An Act to confirm and legalize a By-law and agreement of the Corporation of the Town of Collingwood.
65. An Act respecting the Town of Collingwood and Charles D. Cramp.
66. An Act respecting the Town of Dunnville.
67. An Act to confirm By-law No. 354 of the Town of Durham and a certain agreement entered into between the said Town and "The Durham Furniture Company, Limited."
68. An Act to incorporate the Town of East Toronto.
69. An Act respecting the Town of Fort William, 1900.
70. An Act respecting the Town of Goderich.
71. An Act to confirm By-law No. 350 of the Town of Harriston.
72. An Act respecting the Town of Kincardine.
73. An Act respecting the Town of Leamington.

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74. An Act respecting the Town of Lindsay and the Lindsay Waterworks.
 75. An Act respecting the Town of Listowel.
 76. An Act respecting the City of London.
 77. An Act respecting the Town of Meaford.
 78. An Act respecting the Town of Milton.
 79. An Act respecting the Town of Oshawa.
 80. An Act respecting the City of Ottawa.
 81. An Act to enable the City of Ottawa to issue debentures to assist in defraying the losses occasioned by the late Fire.
 82. An Act respecting By-laws Nos. 1458, 1628, 1707 and 1973 of the City of Ottawa.
 83. An Act respecting By-laws Nos. 1797, 1920 and 1974 of the City of Ottawa.
 84. An Act to authorize the sale of certain lands by the Public School Board of the Township of Pelee in the County of Essex.
 85. An Act to confirm By-law No. 895 of the Town of Peterborough.
 86. An Act respecting the Town of Port Arthur.
 87. An Act to authorize the Town of Port Hope to raise money for Waterworks purposes.
 88. An Act to confirm By-law No. 452 of the Village of Port Perry.
 89. An Act respecting the Town of Prescott, and the Imperial Starch Company, Limited.
 90. An Act respecting the Corporation of the Town of Preston.
 91. An Act respecting By-law No. 248 of the Town of Rat Portage.
 92. An Act respecting the City of St. Catharines.
 93. An Act to confirm By-law No. 1254 of the City of St. Catharines.
 94. An Act respecting the Municipalities of Shuniah and Neebing.
 95. An Act to consolidate the Debt of the Township of Sheffield.
 96. An Act respecting the Town of Smith's Falls.
 97. An Act respecting an agreement between the City of Stratford and the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada.
 98. An Act to enable the City of Stratford to guarantee for \$30,000 to be borrowed by George McLagan.
 99. An Act to amend "An Act to confer certain powers on the Town of Strathroy."
 100. An Act to consolidate the Floating Debt of the Town of Sudbury.
 101. An Act respecting the City of Toronto.
 102. An Act respecting certain matters pertaining to the City of Toronto.
 103. An Act respecting the Town of Toronto Junction.
 104. An Act to confirm By-law No. 115 of the Corporation of the Village of Tottenham.
 105. An Act respecting the Town of Wallaceburg.
 106. An Act respecting the Town of Welland.
 107. An Act respecting By-law No. 127 of the Town of Wiarton.
 108. An Act respecting the City of Windsor.
 109. An Act to incorporate the Bracebridge and Trading Lake Railway Company.
 110. An Act to incorporate the Camp Bay and Crow Lake Railway Company.
 111. An Act to amend An Act respecting the Fort Erie Ferry Railway Company.
 112. An Act respecting the Hamilton Radial Electric Railway Company.

113. An Act to incorporate the Huntsville and Lake of Bays Railway Company.
114. An Act to revive, extend and amend An Act to incorporate the Ingersoll Radial Electric Railway Company.
115. An Act respecting the Manitoulin and North Shore Railway Company.
116. An Act respecting the Metropolitan Railway Company.
117. An Act to incorporate the Nickel Belt Railway Company.
118. An Act respecting the Ontario, Belmont and Northern Railway Company.
119. An Act to incorporate The Ottawa and Dundas Railway Company.
120. An Act respecting the Pacific and Atlantic Railway Company.
121. An Act to incorporate the Queenston, St. Catharines and Port Dalhousie Electric Railway Company.
122. An Act respecting the Sudbury and Nipissing Railway Company.
123. An Act to incorporate The Superior and James Bay Railway Company.
124. An Act respecting the Toronto Suburban Street Railway Company, Limited.
125. An Act to incorporate the Victoria Mines Railway Company.
126. An Act to incorporate the Wabigoon, Manitou and Rainy Lake Railway Company.
127. An Act to incorporate the Woodstock, Thames Valley and Ingersoll Electric Railway Company.
128. An Act respecting the Algoma Commercial Company, Limited.
129. An Act respecting the Canada Permanent and Western Canada Mortgage Corporation.
130. An Act respecting the Central Canada Loan and Savings Company.
131. An Act to incorporate the Nepigon Mining Lands Company.
132. An Act respecting the Nickel Copper Company of Ontario, Limited.
133. An Act respecting the Davenport Methodist Church Burying Ground.
134. An Act vesting certain lands in Richard Todd Wilson in fee simple in trust to sell and dispose thereof and pay the proceeds to Knox Church, Dundas, and for other purposes.
135. An Act incorporating the Board of Trastees of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.
136. An Act respecting the Presbyterian Church, Warwick.
137. An Act to amend An Act authorizing the Issue of Debentures by St. George's Cathedral Church, Kingston.
138. An Act relating to St. George's Church, Ottawa.
139. An Act respecting the Amherstburg Library and Reading Room Association.
140. An Act to incorporate the Ottawa Young Men's Christian Association.
141. An Act respecting the Estate of the late Charlotte Elmsley.
142. An Act to enable Cyrus Davis Pinel to practise Dentistry.

To these Bills the Royal Assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:—

“In Her Majesty’s name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to these Bills.”

Mr. Speaker then said :

May it please Your Honour:

We, Her Majesty’s most dutiful and faithful subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, in Session assembled, approach your Honour at the close of our

labours with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to Her Majesty's person and Government, and humbly beg to present for your Honour's acceptance a Bill intituled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money to defray the expenses of Civil Government for the year 1900, and for other purposes therein."

To this Bill the Royal Assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, in the following words :

" His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth thank Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, accept their benevolence and assent to this Bill in Her Majesty's name."

His Honour was then pleased to deliver the following Speech :

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly :

In dismissing you from the labours of the Session, I have to thank you for the attention given to the public duties imposed upon you, and for the useful legislation which I have just sanctioned.

I cordially approve of the Measures adopted for developing the resources of that portion of the Province commonly described as New Ontario. It is gratifying to believe that the pulp wood and other timber, heretofore comparatively valueless, are to be manufactured into a marketable commodity, and that in conjunction with such manufacture there is a prospect of large settlements being made in the districts from which such timber supplies are drawn.

The land grant to the railway extending from Sault Ste. Marie to the Canadian Pacific Railway, a distance of over 200 miles, will, I am confident, be the means of opening up for settlement a large area of undeveloped territory ; while the new industries for the manufacture of pulp and paper and for the smelting of ores, the establishment of which is a condition of the grant, will, I doubt not, attract many of the artisan and industrial classes for whom it is very desirable to furnish employment in the Province.

I am pleased to give my assent to an Act for promoting the Mining industries of the Province, by which it is proposed to relieve the miners and prospectors of all royalties and other fees until it is evident that the mineral resources of the Province are sufficiently strong and remunerative to contribute towards the ordinary burdens of taxation. I hope that the efforts of the Legislature to promote the manufacture of refined nickel in the Province in the early future will be successful. As the development of the mines requires the use of more capital than is available in the Province, I am pleased to notice that your legislation has been so framed as to warrant capitalists from all parts of the world turning their attention to the latent resources of our mineral districts.

The Measures you have adopted for the establishment of cold storage stations, will, I trust, be of great service in enabling the farmer to place the minor products of the farm and the orchard upon the market to greater advantage than heretofore.

I am pleased to notice the amendments which you have made to the Election Law for the purpose of preventing irregularities in the elections to this House, and of protecting electors in the exercise of their franchise from all improper influences, and of promoting the purity of elections.

The Acts for bringing extra-provincial Corporation under the supervision of the Legislature meets with my cordial approval; and so also the Acts respecting Loan Corporations

and the Acts consolidating the laws for the protection of game and of the fisheries of the Province.

I have, with much satisfaction, assented to the Bill for the establishment of a Labour Bureau for the collection of statistics respecting the wages of working men, and the extent and character of the industries of the Province. The Act for the further regulation of shops, by which better sanitary protection is afforded to the artisan classes, will, I trust, improve the conditions under which they now earn a livelihood, and will at the same time contribute to the public safety.

I notice that the private legislation, this Session, has been large—a fact that marks the ever-increasing wants of an active population. Some of these measures are of a very important character, and bear evidence of having received careful consideration.

I thank you for the liberal appropriation which you have made for the Public Service. The supplies which you have granted will be expended with prudence and in the public interest.

The Provincial Secretary then said :

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly :

It is His Honour's will and pleasure that this Legislative Assembly be prorogued ; and this Legislative Assembly is accordingly prorogued.

REPORT
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REPORT
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1900.

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario :

The Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts beg leave to present the following as their

FOURTH REPORT.

Your Committee have carefully examined and considered certain Accounts, Vouchers and Statements relating to the Public Accounts of the Province for the year 1899.

An exhaustive investigation has been made into matters relating to the purchase of the Fisheries steam yacht "Gilphie," and accounts shewing amounts paid for inspection and purchase were laid before your Committee. Messieurs S. T. Bastedo, Deputy Commissioner of Fisheries, and A. M. Wickens, Mechanical Engineer, were examined in regard to the inspection of the "Gilphie" and other vessels before the purchase was made. Captain John Simpson and Mr. Robert Abby of Owen Sound, both practical shipbuilders, acting under authority granted by your Honourable House, made an inspection of the "Gilphie" and afterwards gave evidence before your Committee. The following witnesses, were also examined viz :—Mr. James Rhody, Shipbuilder, Chatham, who rebuilt the "Gilphie" before its purchase by the Government; Mr. A. F. Bowman, of Southampton from whom the purchase was made; Mr. William Evans, Dominion Steamboat Inspector; and Mr. George Smith of Southampton, Sub-Collector of Customs.

A Statement was laid before your Committee shewing the receipts of and expenditures upon the London Asylum Farm and Garden for the years 1897, 1898 and 1899. Dr. R. M. Bucke, Medical Superintendent, Dr. R. M. Sippi, Bursar, Mr. William Murdoch, Farmer and Mr. George W. Rennie, Gardener, were examined in regard to this statement.

The following Accounts were laid before your Committee :—

All accounts relating to Algonquin Park;

Certain accounts in connection with the Fisheries Service;

Accounts relating to Forest Ranging and Inspection of Timber Limits;

Accounts in connection with the Prevention of the Export of Sawlogs.

All accounts in connection with the Indian Point Bridge;

Accounts relating to Forest Reserve Expenditure;

Accounts of sundry persons for travelling expenses and disbursements in connection with Farmers' Institutes,

The following statements were produced for the consideration of your Committee:

(a) Shewing how item \$5,892.78, page XLVII, Casual Revenue was made up;

(b) Shewing in what Electoral Divisions of the Province the expenditure on Colonization Roads took place.

(c) Shewing in detail the articles supplied heads of Public Institutions on account of table allowance;

(d) Shewing accounts owing the Province for articles purchased from the Central Prison Industries, and dates from which owing, up to 31st December, 1899.

Inspector James Noxon and Mr. J. O. Anderson, Book-keeper, Central Prison, were examined in regard to these accounts.

Mr. Henry Smith, Superintendent of Colonization Roads, and Mr. C. H. Sproule, Provincial Auditor, were also examined by the Committee.

The Committee have held nine meetings during the present session. They submit herewith the minutes of their proceedings and the evidence given as taken by stenographers.

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. A. CHARLTON,
Chairman.

Committee Room,

April 24, 1900.

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE

ON

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

WITH EVIDENCE AND STATEMENTS.

THIRD SESSION, NINTH LEGISLATURE.

1900.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE ROOM,
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

TORONTO, Thursday, March 29, 1900.

The Select Standing Committee to whom was referred the examination of the Public Accounts of the Province, for the year 1899 and composed of the following members:—Messieurs. Auld, Bowman, Boyd, Caldwell, Carnegie, Carpenter, Carscallen, Charlton, Clarke, Conmee, Crawford, Davis, Dickenson, Eilber, Farwell, German, Harty, Hoyle, Kidd, Latchford, Loughrin, Matheson, Pardee, Reid (Addington), Richardson, Ross, Stratton, Tucker, Wardell and Whitney, met this day at 12 noon, for organization and business.

Present:

Messieurs. Charlton, Auld, Bowman, Carnegie, Carpenter, Clarke, Dickenson, Eilber, Farwell, Harty, Latchford, Matheson, Ross, Stratton.—14.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Dickenson, Mr. W. A. Charlton was appointed permanent chairman of committee.

Mr. Charlton took the chair.

On motion of Mr. Matheson, seconded by Mr. Reid (Addington) : Ordered, That the following accounts be laid before this Committee :—

San Jose Scale, pp. 175 to 177	\$27,770 00
A. M. Wickens, p. 302	10 85
“ “ p. 302	55 90
Purchase of Gilphie, p. 302	3,250 00

On motion of Mr. Carnegie, seconded by Mr. Reid (Addington) : Ordered, That the accounts of payments made for the Algonquin Park be laid before the Committee, pages 296 and 297.

On motion of Mr. Matheson, seconded by Mr. Reid (Addington) : Ordered, That a statement be laid before this Committee showing how item \$5,892.78 page xlvii, Official GAZETTE, was made up for 1899, and a similar statement for 1898.

On motion of Mr. Matheson, seconded by Mr. Reid (Addington) : Ordered, That a statement be laid before this Committee of all amounts owing to the Province for purchases from the industries of the Province up to 31st December, 1899, and dates from which owing, and that the chairman make a report to the House to-day asking for authority to bring down such statement.

The Committee reported the above resolution to the House as their first report.

Committee then adjourned until Tuesday next, April 3rd, at 11 a.m.

COMMITTEE ROOM,

TUESDAY, April 3rd, 1900.

Committee met pursuant to adjournment.

Present :

Mr. Charlton, Chairman.

Messieurs. Auld, Bowman, Dickenson, Kidd, Loughrin, Matheson, Ross, Reid (Addington), Stratton.—10.

The following accounts were laid on the table :—

All the accounts relating to the San Jose Scale ;

The accounts relating to the purchase of the steam yacht "Gilphie" for the Fisheries service.

All accounts relating to Algonquin Park.

Committee adjourned until to-morrow at 11 a.m.

COMMITTEE ROOM,

Wednesday, April 4, 1900.

Committee met pursuant to adjournment.

Present :

Mr. Charlton, Chairman.

Messieurs Bowman, Carnegie, Eilber, Farwell, Kidd, Matheson, Pardee, Reid (Addington), Stratton—10.

On motion of Mr. Matheson, seconded by Mr. Carnegie, Ordered : That a statement be laid before this Committee, shewing in what Provincial Electoral Divisions the Colonization Road Expenditure, \$90,464.09, p.p. 236 to 258, was expended, giving name of road and amount expended in each electoral division.

On motion of Mr. Eilber, seconded by Mr. Reid (Addington), Ordered : That the account of John Sullivan for services as Fisheries Overseer, \$96.86, and travelling expenses \$21.00, for Elgin, page 298 ; also the account of John Sullivan for Forest Ranging and inspecting timber limits amounting to \$27.00, page 262, be laid before the Committee.

On motion of Mr. Stratton, seconded by Mr. Bowman, *Ordered*: That this Committee report requesting an Order of the House for the production of the accounts for the years 1897 and 1898 in connection with the receipts and expenditures of the London Asylum Farm and Garden and any other matters connected therewith.

The Committee presented the above resolution to the House as their second report.

On motion of Mr. Stratton, seconded by Mr. Bowman, *Ordered*: That the Superintendent, (Dr. Bucke), the Bursar, (Dr. Sippi), the Farmer, (Mr. Murdock), and the Gardener, (Mr. Rennie), in connection with the London Asylum, be requested to appear before the Committee with reference to the receipts and expenditure upon the farm and garden.

Committee adjourned until to-morrow at 11 a.m.

COMMITTEE ROOM,

Thursday, April 5, 1900.

Committee met pursuant to adjournment,

Present:

Mr. Charlton, Chairman.

Messieurs Auld, Bowman, Boyd, Carnegie, Carpenter, Eilber, Farwell, Harty, Loughrin, Matheson, Reid (Addington), Stratton, Wardell—14.

Accounts with reference to services of John Sullivan were laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Reid, (Addington), seconded by Mr. Carnegie, *Ordered*: That the accounts in connection with the Prevention of the Export of Saw-logs, page 306, \$1,271.65, be laid before the Committee.

On motion of Mr. Eilber, seconded by Mr. Boyd, *Ordered*: That all paper and accounts in connection with the Indian Point Bridge on Manitoulin Island, page 245, \$1,892.17, be laid before the Committee.

On motion of Mr. Stratton, seconded by Mr. Farwell, *Ordered*: That Mr. Wickens, engineer and boiler inspector, attached to Public Works Department, and Captain Finlayson, be summoned to give evidence relating to the "Gilphie."

On motion of Mr. Stratton, seconded by Mr. Farwell, *Ordered*: That Mr. James Rhody, of Chatham, a practical ship-builder, who rebuilt the "Gilphie," be summoned to appear to give evidence as to the boat.

On motion of Mr. Stratton, seconded by Mr. Farwell, *Ordered*: That Mr. A. F. Bowman be summoned to appear before the Committee to give evidence relating to the sale of the boat "Gilphie" to the Province.

On motion of Mr. Reid (Addington), seconded by Mr. Carnegie, *Ordered*: That the accounts of A. W. Wood and John Critchley, *re* Forest Reserve, page 267, \$297.33, be laid before the Committee.

On motion of Mr. Wardell, seconded by Mr. Boyd, *Ordered*: That Duncan Bole be summoned to appear before the Committee on Thursday next.

On motion of Mr. Matheson, seconded by Mr. Boyd, *Ordered*: That Captain John Simpson, of Owen Sound, ship-builder, be summoned to appear before this Committee on Wednesday next, and that the Chairman report to the House this afternoon, recommending that an Order of the House be made that Captain Simpson be allowed to inspect the "Gilphie" at any time.

On motion of Mr. Stratton, seconded by Mr. Auld, *Ordered*: That the Chairman report to the House recommending that an Order of the House be granted authorizing Abby Bros., of Owen Sound, ship-builders, to make a thorough inspection of the "Gilphie," and that the member of the firm making the inspection be summoned to appear before the Committee to give evidence.

The Committee presented the above Resolutions to the House as their Third Report.

Mr. S. T. Bastedo, Deputy Commissioner of Fisheries, was sworn and examined in regard to inspections made of the "Gilphie" and other yachts before the purchase by the Government.

Committee adjourned until to-morrow at 11 a.m.

COMMITTEE ROOM,

Friday, April 6, 1900.

Committee met pursuant to adjournment.

Present :

Messieurs Auld, Bowman, Carpenter, Dickenson, German, Harty, Loughrin, Matheson, Pardee, Reid (Addington), Stratton—11.

In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Pardee was called to the Chair.

Accounts were laid on the table with reference to Forest Reserves and Prevention of the Export of Logs.

Mr. A. M. Wickens, mechanical engineer, was sworn and examined with regard to his inspection of the "Gilphie" before its purchase.

Mr. Henry Smith, Superintendent of Colonization Roads, was examined as to expenditure in Electoral Divisions.

On motion of Mr. Reid (Addington), seconded by Mr. Matheson, *Ordered* : That the accounts for articles supplied Heads of Public Institutions on account of table allowance be laid before the Committee.

On motion of Mr. Bowman, seconded by Mr. Carpenter, *Ordered* : That Mr. Dodds and Mr. Evans, Dominion Government Boiler and Hull Inspectors, respectively, be summoned to give evidence relating to the steamer "Gilphie."

Committee adjourned until Tuesday next, the 10th inst., at 11 a.m.

COMMITTEE ROOM,

Tuesday, April 10, 1900.

Committee met pursuant to adjournment.

Present :

Mr. Charlton, Chairman.

Messieurs Auld, Boyd, Carnegie, Eilber, Harty, Kidd, Latchford, Matheson, Pardee, Ross, Stratton, Wardell—13.

All the accounts relating to the construction of the Indian Point Bridge on Manitoulin Island were laid on the table, also :

Statement of accounts owing the Central Prison Industries ;

Statement shewing in what Electoral Divisions of the Province the expenditure on Colonization Roads took place ;

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the London Asylum Farm and Garden.

The following officials of the Asylum were sworn and gave evidence in regard to the aforesaid statement :

R. M. Bucke, M.D., Medical Superintendent. See Index.

Dr. C. A. Sippe, Bursar. See Index.

Mr. Wm. Murdock, Farmer. See Index.

Mr. Geo. W. Rennie, Gardener. See Index.

On motion of Mr. Stratton, seconded by Mr. Pardee, *Ordered* : That Mr. Geo. E. Smith, Southampton, be summoned to give evidence relating to the steamer "Gilphie."

Committee adjourned until 10.30 a.m. to-morrow.

COMMITTEE ROOM,

Wednesday, April 11, 1900.

Committee met pursuant to adjournment.

Present :

Mr. Charlton, Chairman.

Messieurs Bowman, Boyd, Carnegie, Carpenter, Crawford, Dickenson, Farwell, Harty, Kidd, Latchford, Matheson, Stratton—13.

The following witnesses were sworn and examined in regard to the construction, seaworthiness, value, and other matters in connection with the steamer "Gilphie" :—

Mr. James Rhody, shipbuilder, Chatham, who re-built the "Gilphie." See Index ;

Captain Simpson and Mr. Robert Abby, of Owen Sound, shipbuilders, who made an inspection of the "Gilphie" by Order of the House. See Index;

Mr. A. F. Bowman, Southampton, former owner of the "Gilphie." See Index;

Mr. Geo. E. Smith, Southampton, Sub-collector of Customs, and Mr. Wm. Evans, Dominion Steamboat Inspector. See Index.

Committee adjourned until 11 a.m. to morrow.

COMMITTEE ROOM,

Thursday, April 12, 1900.

The Chairman and Mr. Matheson were the only members present.

Inspector James Noxon and Mr. Anderson, Bookkeeper Central Prison, were present by arrangement.

In the absence of a quorum, it was agreed to meet again on Tuesday next at 11 a.m.

Tuesday, April 17, 1900.

Committee did not proceed to business, as a quorum was not present.

Inspector James Noxon and Mr. Anderson were in attendance.

Wednesday, April 18, 1900.

In the absence of a quorum, the Committee adjourned.

COMMITTEE ROOM,

Thursday, March 19, 1900.

Committee met by order of the Chairman.

Present :

Mr. Charlton, Chairman.

Messieurs Auld, Bowman, Boyd, Carnegie, Carpenter Clarke, Conmee, Eilber, Harty, Kidd, Matheson, Reid (Addington), Stratton, Tucker, Wardell.—16.

A statement of accounts owing the Province on account of articles purchased from the Central Prison Industries was laid before the Committee.

Inspector James Noxon and Mr. J. O. Anderson, Book keeper, were sworn and examined with regard to these accounts. See Index.

Mr. C. H. Sproule, Provincial Auditor, was sworn and examined in regard to sundry accounts. See Index.

On motion of Mr. Eilber, seconded by Mr. Tucker, *Ordered* : That the accounts for travelling expenses and disbursements in connection with Farmers' Institutes of J. S. Woodward and others, page 172, items \$166 70 to \$4.80 be laid before this Committee.

Committee adjourned until Saturday next, April 21st, at 11 a.m.

COMMITTEE ROOM,

Saturday, April 21, 1900.

Committee adjourned until Tuesday next, the 24th inst, at 11.30 a.m.

Mr. John Dodds, Dominion Steamboat Inspector, appeared pursuant to citation.

COMMITTEE ROOM,

Tuesday, April 24, 1900.

Committee met pursuant to arrangement.

Present :

Mr. Charlton, Chairman.

Messieurs Boyd, Carnegie, Dickenson, Eilber, Matheson, Stratton, Tucker.—8.

The accounts of delegates to Farmers' Institutes for travelling expenses and disbursements were laid on the table.

Mr. John Dodds, Steamboat Inspector, was in attendance, but Committee decided not to hear further evidence.

The Chairman submitted and read draft of report which was unanimously adopted as the report of the Committee, and ordered to be presented to the House, along with the minutes of their proceedings and the evidence given as taken by stenographers.

The Committee then adjourned *sine die*.

RE THE STEAM YACHT "GILPHIE."

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE,

April 5, 1900.

Mr. S. T. BASTEDO, sworn.

By Mr. MATHESON.—

Q. You are Deputy Commissioner of Fisheries?

A. Yes.

Q. I see here a report made by you respecting the steam yacht "Gilphie." Did you examine the boat?

A. Oh yes, I paid a personal visit and examined it, as far as I was able to.

Q. Had you any personal experience as to the examination or operation of boats of that class?

A. None whatever.

Q. Have you got a bill of sale in the Department in connection with this?

A. Yes, I have.

Q. That is from her original purchaser?

A. Yes, (producing bills of sale). The bill of sale to the Government was sent to Ottawa for registration, and has not yet been returned.

Q. Your Department was under the Attorney General's Department at the time?

A. Yes.

Q. What Department are you under now?

A. The Commissioner of Public Works.

Q. When was the "Gilphie" built?

A. Originally?

Q. Yes.

A. I cannot speak as to that.

Mr. BOWMAN—The bill of sale will show that.

A. In 1884, it shows in the bill of sale here.

Mr. MATHESON—What was her length at that time?

A. Length, 75 feet.

Q. What was her breadth?

A. It was 11 feet 6 inches.

Q. Does it give her draught?

A. It doesn't give that.

Q. What was her tonnage?

A. Registered tonnage 17.86.

Q. About 18 tons?

A. Yes.

Q. What was her gross tonnage?

A. 19.27 tons.

Q. What was her registered number?

A. 85,370.

Q. What was her original name?

A. "Jo."

- Q. That was the bill of sale from James R. Wilson to Mr. Arnoldi ?
A. Yes, it appears to be.
- Q. Of the City of Ottawa ?
A. Yes.
- Q. It is the same as the yacht "Jo" ?
A. I understand so.
- Q. Formerly in the Customs Department—one of the employees down at Ottawa ?
A. Yes.
- Q. Is that the bill of the same vessel from Arnoldi to Gillis ?
A. Yes, same name, same vessel.
- Q. What date is that ?
A. July 6th, 1892.
- Q. That is the bill of sale from Gillis to Mr. A. F. Bowman ?
A. Yes.
- Q. What is the consideration in that ?
A. \$2,050.
- Q. What date is that ?
A. August 24th, 1894.
- Q. I believe she was partially rebuilt after that ; is that your information ?
A. Yes.
- Q. Do you know in what year ? Was it in 1896 ?
A. In 1896, I believe. I believe it was about three years old when we got her.
- Q. Have you seen the "Dolphin" ?
A. I have.
- Q. How does she compare in size with the "Gilphie" ?
A. The "Dolphin" is about 54 feet in length.
- Q. What tonnage ?
A. She is a much smaller boat.
- Q. What is her tonnage number ?
A. I could not venture an opinion as to her tonnage.
- Q. Did you examine her at all when taking her over ?
A. No, I did not.
- Q. Have you any idea when she was built ?
A. I have not.
- Q. She was built specially for the same service by the Dominion Government ?
A. I did not know she was built specially. I did not know her history at all. I knew she was in the employ of the Dominion service.
- Q. Did you know she was sold by the Dominion ?
A. I knew she was offered for sale by the Dominion, and, I presume, sold.
- Q. Is that a report of the Dominion Marine and Fisheries for 1899 ? (producing document) ?
A. It is said to be the 32nd annual report, for 1899.
- Q. Does the Deputy Minister report the sale of the "Dolphin" there ?
A. Yes.
- Q. For how much ?
A. \$700.
- Q. Had the Department any advice as to the value of the "Gilphie" when they bought her ? Any report ?
A. No, I believe not.
- Q. Who examined her ?
A. Mr. Wickens, our electrical engineer, and who is, I believe, an expert in boilers, and Capt. Finlayson, who was employed on the great lakes for a good number of years.

Q. Captain of what?

A. Of steamers and also of vessels.

Q. What does he do now?

A. I believe he is not engaged now.

Q. How old is he?

A. About 55.

Q. Do you know any vessels that he commanded?

A. No steam vessels.

Q. Or passenger steamers?

A. No.

Q. Was her hull inspected by the Dominion Inspector, or for the purpose of sale?

A. Not her hull.

Q. Was she, as to her boilers?

A. Yes.

Q. By the Dominion Inspector?

A. Yes, just shortly before we purchased her.

Q. Captain Finlayson made no report as to value?

A. No, no report as to value is mentioned in any of these reports.

Q. How was the amount fixed?

A. A certain amount was asked for her. I believe \$4,000 was originally placed upon her.

Q. All they had to do was to ask, and you would give a little less?

A. We examined quite a number of boats, and comparing the boats submitted for our purchase, I think we got a cheap vessel.

Q. Had you ever bought a steam yacht or anything of that sort?

A. No.

Q. Or had anything to do with the purchase of one?

A. No.

Q. You do not pretend to be an expert at all?

A. No.

Q. Have you been told the "Gilphie" was not worth one thousand dollars?

A. Never.

Q. Did you consult anyone except Captain Finlayson as to what she was worth?

A. No, I do not remember that I did. I examined quite a number of boats.

Q. What was she doing when you saw her?

A. She was at the dock when I saw her.

Q. Where?

A. At Southampton.

Q. Where you on board when she was in motion?

A. Yes, I went on a short trip on the lake.

Q. Had she any employment at that time?

A. I believe Mr. Bowman was using her in his own business.

Q. Don't the reports show what she was doing?

A. Subsequently, when the final examination was made, she was engaged in tending a dredge at Kincardine.

Q. Towing the scows out into the lake?

A. Yes.

By Mr. BOYD—

Q. What was the reason they sold the "Dolphin"?

A. The Dominion had no further use for her.

Q. They had to put another in her place?

A. The "Dolphin" was reported at the time, I believe, to be worthless.

Q. You are aware she was only rebuilt a number of years before that ?
A. I was not aware of that.

Q. They took her out at Owen Sound and rebuilt her ?
A. After the Dominion disposed of her.

By Mr. MATHESON :—

Q. As far as you know, no expert valuation of the " Gilphie " was made ?
A. No, so far as I know. I am not quite sure there was not.

Q. She was purchased for \$3,250.
A. Yes.

Q. And when ?

A. She was purchased a few days after the date of the voucher you have.

Q. September 22, 1899.

A. That is the memorandum of Council.

By Mr. WARDELL :—

Q. Who is Finlayson ?

A. He is an old lake captain. Captain of several steam crafts and vessels.

Q. Where does he live ?

A. He lives in Toronto Junction.

Q. How long since he has had anything to do with boats ?

A. I think he was engaged until quite recently ; until the last year or so.

Q. Is he a strong politician, or anything like that ?

A. Not so far as I know.

Q. Doesn't vote at all ?

A. I do not know.

By Mr. BOWMAN :—

Q. How many boats are there in the Department ?

A. I examined five or six at Penetang, one at Collingwood, and I suppose there must have been probably a dozen all told. I cannot say positively. I cannot give an accurate statement of the number without looking it up.

By Mr. MATHESON :—

Q. Where is the " Gilphie " now ?

A. At Owen Sound.

Q. How long ?

A. She was tied there about December 15, last fall. I think she ran in and out until about that time.

By Mr. BOWMAN :—

Q. Did any of the other boats examined come up to the " Gilphie " in point of general appearance ?

A. No boat presented that would sell anything like the " Gilphie's " price was as well adapted and equipped for the service as she was.

By Mr. WARDELL :—

Q. Did you have anybody else examine any of the other boats ?

A. Mr. Wickens, the engineer of the Parliament Buildings, electrical engineer, a man of long experience.

Q. Has he had much experience with reference to boats ?

A. I cannot myself say as to that.

Q. Then as a matter of fact these dozen of boats were never examined by any expert ?

A. There was no necessity for that.

Q. As a matter of fact the other boats may have been a great deal better ?

A. I am not competent to judge of their suitability myself.

Q. You did not know anything about it, or have an expert examine the others ?
A. No ; no occasion for it.

Q. No expert for examining every one of these except the " Gilphie " ?

A. I would not like to say he was an expert. He ran a sailing craft for a number of years.

Q. Will you say that no expert ever examined the " Gilphie " ?

A. In the light of expert I cannot say they were experts.

Q. You won't say this boat was bought by the Government without any inspection being made by an expert ?

A. They were practical men. Captain Finlayson was a practical seaman, having been on steam craft a great number of years and also sailing vessels ; and Mr. Wickens, I believe, has a very high rank as an engineer and had experience putting up boilers and work of that kind where engines and boilers were concerned.

Q. Did he know anything about hulls ?

A. No ; he examined the hull, I believe, but I cannot say that he did.

Q. Then you bought a pig in a poke ?

(No reply.)

Q. Did you have a ship-builder examine it ?

A. No.

Q. How much did you pay Finlayson ?

A. He went over to Buffalo to look at a boat there—I think he was paid about \$2 or \$2.50 a day for his services, and his expenses.

Q. How long was he engaged in examining the one at Kincardine ?

A. Two or three days.

Q. Wickens also inspected this yacht ?

A. Yes.

Q. I understood you to say Finlayson was the only man who examined it ?

A. No, they examined it together.

Q. Do you know how much he got from Mr. Bowman as commission ?

A. No, I do not.

By Mr. STRATTON.—

Q. From whom was the " Gilphie " purchased ?

A. A. F. Bowman.

Q. Where does he reside ?

A. Southampton.

Q. What was the price paid ?

A. \$3,250.

Q. Is she suited for the purpose ?

A. I think she is admirably suited for the purpose.

Q. You have been upon her ?

A. Yes ; she has good accommodation. You would have difficulty in picking up as good a boat not built for the purpose.

Q. Do you consider her good value ?

A. I do.

Mr. WARDELL.—He does not know.

WITNESS.—I cannot speak as to the value of boats.

Mr. STRATTON.—If buying for your own purposes and in comparison with the other vessels that you saw, you would not consider that you had paid too much for the vessel ?

A. I would not.

By Mr. REID.—If buying this boat for private use, would you take your own judgment ?

A. I would. I might have it valued.

Q. You would take a good deal more pains than you took ?

A. I would want the boat thoroughly inspected.

By Mr WARDELL—Did you get any valuation on the boat ?

A. I asked Captain Finlayson if he thought it was good value.

Q. Was he the only man you asked ?

A. I am not sure but I asked Mr. Wickens.

Mr. BOYD—Is Capt. Finlayson a ship builder ?

A. No, he is not a ship builder ?

By Mr. WARDELL—He is the only man—but you are not sure about Wickens ?

A. Wickens was along and I think he expressed his opinion.

Q. Finlayson examined the hull. Did he examine the engine and boilers ?

A. I think not. Wickens examined them.

Q. Then, as a matter of fact, you had no special valuation ?

A. No special valuation.

By Mr. MATHESON—You have a report by Capt. Finlayson ?

A. Yes, I have read it.

Q. That is his report (handing document.)

A. Yes.

Q. Will you read it.

A. Witness reads :—

" DEAR SIR, TORONTO, 16th August, 1899.

" I have the honor to report that, as per your instructions, I visited Kincardine on the 10 instant, and on the morning of the 11th went aboard the tug-yacht " Gilphie " and remained upon her for two days, for the purpose of ascertaining her condition, and her suitability for the fisheries' service. The boat being in commission, towing scows from a dredge operating in the harbor, I had to examine it while so engaged. She ran out into the lake for perhaps a mile.

" I made as critical an examination of the boat as it was possible for me to do under the circumstances, both as to her condition, and as to her action. She is in remarkably good condition for a boat of her age, and she behaved first-class. I bored into her hull at various places where I supposed she would exhibit decay, if at all, and I found her timbers in good order.

" I think from her model and build the boat would, for her size, be as seaworthy a boat as could be built or obtained, and that she would in case she were caught in a storm behave well and make harbor in any ordinary sea. The lake was not rough, but there was a heavy, dead swell coming up the lake after a recent storm which tossed her about considerably ; in fact, I think she would roll more in such a condition of the water than she would in a large sea.

" No Government inspection of her hull has been made this year.

" I noticed a slight indentation in her stem (not stern) which indicated that she had run against a dock or collided with some other obstruction, but it does not injure the boat's sea worthiness in the slightest, and none but a practised eye would have observed it.

" The boat would require to be thoroughly cleaned, as she has been used in very rough work ; but an outlay of two or three hundred dollars would put her in good condition, repaint her, and make any needed repairs.

Yours truly,

(Sgd). CAPT. N. FINLAYSON.

S. T. BASTEDO,

Deputy Commissioner of Fisheries,
Toronto.

Q. Who made that report ?

A. Capt. Finlayson.

Q. That is the only report you have on the condition of the hull ?

A. Yes, unless Mr. Wickens makes some reference to it in his report, because I understand that he did bore and test the hull.

Q Do you know when Capt. Finlayson was last in command of a vessel?

A The last inspection he made was on this occasion.

Q When was he in command of any vessel?

A I could not say when he was. I believe he was occupied, perhaps on the last occasion, as captain of the Salvation Army steam yacht.

Q Where is that?

A I do not know where it is.

Q How large a boat was that?

A I have no idea.

Q Where does he live now?

A Toronto Junction.

Q Is he a captain in the Salvation Army?

A I do not know whether he holds the rank of captain or not?

Q Does he belong to it?

A I do not know.

Mr. BOWMAN.—Have you any knowledge as to whether this boat had been considered by the Government Inspector previous to the time of the purchase?

A I remember seeing a license; my recollection is I saw a license hanging in the wheel-house, for carrying passengers.

Mr. FARWELL.—Were you not satisfied that these people, who valued this boat for you, were capable of putting a proper valuation upon it?

A I was perfectly satisfied that they knew whether the boat was in good condition.

By Mr. STRATTON.—You say that Mr. Finlayson was the only one you know of that examined the boat?

A With Mr. Wickens, our engineer.

Q Show us Mr. Wickens' report?

A It is attached.

Q Read it.

A This is Mr. Wickens' first report, dated August 1 (Reads).

TORONTO, August 1st, 1899.

"S. T. Bastedo, Esq., Commissioner of Fisheries.

"Sir.—"I herewith beg to hand you my report on the Tug "Gilphie," inspected at Southampton on July 31st.

"This boat was known as the Steam Yacht "Jo", but has recently been rebuilt. The hull is entirely new from the keelson to the rail, new frames, ribs, stanchions, and planking, all of the best white oak. The frame ribs are $2\frac{1}{2}$ x 6 inches, bolted together two in each rib, making them 5 x 6 inches, and fastened by $\frac{5}{8}$ bolts with nuts and washers. These are all perfectly sound. I also examined the planking on the inside where there is no paint, and found clear, solid oak, free from checks or cracks. This part of the boat is good and practically new, as this is only the third season since the changes were made. The cabins are also in good repair, having been well overhauled when the hull was rebuilt. In the reconstruction, the hull was widened about three feet, and the dimensions now are 75 feet long by 15 feet beam, draft 5 feet 8 inches. The new construction of the hull gives coal bunkers for about ten tons of coal, which at ordinary speed will take the boat from 1,200 to 1,500 miles. The engine is a single cylinder, 12 inches diameter and 12 inches stroke, fitted with an independent cut off valve of the rocking type, and main valve of the same kind, driven by the regular eccentrics and link valve gear. The engine is very substantially made, having large crank and cross-head pins, ample main bearings, and brass lined thrust bearings, all having free oil passages and water jets. The steam and exhaust pipes are of copper with the requisite stop valves and exhaust cock. There is also a feed water heater, a Knowles feed pump, a plunge feed pump, driven from the main shaft, and an independent jet condenser by Northey, all of which are fitted up well and securely fastened in place. There are two sea-cocks and also the necessary bilge pump; the wheel is 5 feet diameter, made of brass also one extra wheel, cast

iron, same size; the boiler is of the square fire box marine type, fitted with shaking grates, having an area of 16 square feet, and suitable for burning hard coal. From the external appearance, the boiler seems in good order, no leaks, buckles or external corrossions. The boiler should, however, have a careful and thorough internal examination before a final report can be made upon it. In operation during a trial trip it steamed freely, using green slabs for fuel. The operation of the engine was very smooth and quiet, and the boat, considering her length, free from vibrations. In the running test, with the cut off hooked up, (the most economical point to work it at) we carried 96 pounds steam pressure (the amount allowed by the Dominion boat Inspectors) and had from 150 to 155 revolutions of the wheel, giving us a speed of about 9 miles an hour. With the cut off all out, the wheel turned 180 revolutions, and the boat increased speed to about 12 miles an hour. The engine was then using all the steam possible, (unless it was out of order) and the boiler furnished the steam freely. This I would consider quite satisfactory, considering the quality of the fuel. Taking the boat all through, it seems to me she is the most suitable for the purpose we have yet seen. Should you conclude to go further in the matter of her purchase, it would be well, after internally inspecting her boiler, to take about a three days' run on her, keeping a perfect log, and trying her under various conditions. I remain,

"Your obedient servant,

"(Sgd.) A. M. WICKENS,

Engineer and Inspector."

Mr. WARDELL.—Was that inspection of the boiler made?

A. Yes.

Q. That is the only report. Then no examination of the boiler was made?

A. I cannot say whether he did or not.

Mr. BOWMAN.—Will you please examine and see whether there was an examination made at Kincardine?

A. Here is a second report. (Reads).

TORONTO, August 14, 1899.

"S. T. Bastedo, Esq., Commissioner of Fisheries.

"Sir—" As per instructions, in company with Captain Finlayson, I visited the Tug "Gilphie," now at Kincardine. We arrived there on the evening of the 10th, and spent the 11th and 12th on board. The boat was serving a dredge in the harbor at Kincardine, towing dump scows into deep water and back to the dredge. I had the engine put to all the various tests, both condensing and non-condensing, and after careful inspection of the different parts, I have no hesitation in saying it is one of the very best single cylinder engines I have ever seen in a boat. I found a few minor leaks about the condenser, which can be remedied by half-a-day's work, and a piece of rubber packing. We were able to get from 22 to 24 inches of vacuum when the engine was working hard, drawing the tow, in spite of the leaks. The boiler is perfectly tight, and free from blisters, buckles, pits or channels, and remarkably free from internal scale or corrosion. The construction of the boiler is such that its safe working pressure is at least 25% higher than the Dominion inspectors have locked the safety valves down at 96 pounds. The power on the boat is certainly in very good order, and if it were not for the small leaks about the heater and condenser, I could say it is in perfect order.

"Captain Finlayson has examined the hull very carefully in many places, and has also taken a full list of all the articles of equipment which he will report to you.

"I believe the boat to be exceptionally well suited for your purpose.

"I remain, sir,

"Your obedient servant,

"(Sgd.) A. M. WICKENS."

MR. MATHESON.—Does he say what horse power it is?

A. It is 75 horse power, according to the certificate of registry.

Q. She was built in 1896, was she?

A. The boiler was.

Q. The bill of sale shows she was built in Lockport, N. Y.?

A. Yes.

MR. STRATTON.—You have read the first and second reports of Mr. Wickens with regard to this boat, and also the report of Captain Finlayson. I notice a memorandum for the Attorney General from yourself. Will you read that?

A. (Reads).

"Memo. for the Attorney-General Re Bowman's Boat."

"The boat is 75 feet long, 15 feet beam, draft 5' 9", speed ten miles ordinary running, perhaps 12 miles when pressed; makes little noise when running; has two fairly roomy cabins with sleeping accommodation (on bunks around cabin sides) for ten persons, good serviceable cushions on bunks; 20 blankets, 12 comforters, 8 pillows, refrigerator, lockers, etc.; nearly new cooking stove and steam cookers in kitchen, toilet room with marble basin and flush W. C.

"They say she is practically a new boat, that she was rebuilt by one of the best boat builders in Canada three years ago from bilges up, and reframed, and that nothing but the best of white oak was used; that the engine is the best they ever saw for its size; that it has run without any repairs, and is an exceptionally good machine; that she has run 90 miles with one cord of wood, and that 10 tons of hard coal they estimate would run her 1,500 miles; that the boiler is in first-class condition, and is set by the Inspector to blow off at 96 pounds; that she is built to burn hard or soft coal, but that they have used wood altogether; that they will put her against any boat on the lake for economy in fuel; that she has a very good dingy, with devices to raise her to the top of the boat; two anchors (one 375 pounds weight with 420 feet of chain) and one smaller anchor with smaller chain for fair weather; and that she is a first-class sea boat.

"She has a hurricane deck with new awning, 30 life preservers, with life buoy and line and all equipments for 30 passengers (Wickens says that not being used for carrying passengers for hire she is not required to take out a passenger licence, but that she can go into any Canadian waters). I have telegraphed Mr. Bowman to have the Inspector inspect with a view to our obtaining a passenger license (should we desire to do so) in case we purchase.

"A Captain could be got at Southampton, 55 years of age, thoroughly familiar with the Georgian Bay channels, at \$60 per month (probably); and the present engineer, a man of 26, and accustomed to running an engine all his life, at \$40 or \$50 per month. They run her with three men. The boat is in good repair, but one or two hundred dollars expended on her in paint, varnish and a few extras would make a great improvement in her appearance and conveniences. They did not care specially to hire her out, but I think she might be obtained for a week or so.

"She is the only boat offered yet that would at all suit the Fisheries service.

"1st August, 1899." "S. T. BASTEDO.

THE CHAIRMAN.—These reports and memorandum will be embodied in the evidence?

MR. MATHESON.—Yes.

By MR. MATHESON.—Q. Have you a report of the "Gladys"?

A. No, she is a sail boat.

Q. Where is she now?

A. At Penetang or Midland.

Q. Where did you get her?

A. She was in the employ of the Crown Lands Department; a very good boat, I understood, and we took her over from the Crown Lands Department.

Q. She was out of repair?

A. Yes.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE ROOM,
April 6th.

Mr. A. M. WICKENS, sworn.

By Mr. MATHESON.—Q. Mr. Wickens, what is your occupation?

A. I am a mechanical engineer, sir.

Q. Where are you employed now?

A. In the employ of the Ontario Government.

Q. Are you in charge of these buildings?

A. I have charge of all the boilers as far as inspection is concerned in all the buildings.

Q. In the Parliament Buildings, Toronto?

A. In all the Government buildings.

Q. How long have you been in your present position?

A. Seven years.

Q. Where were you before that?

A. I was with the Globe Printing Company for a few years before that.

Q. How long were you there?

A. Between six and seven years.

Q. Where were you before that?

A. With the Worswick Engine Company of Guelph.

Q. And where before that?

A. Before that I was in the Western States—at Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Q. What were you doing there?

A. I worked for the Henry Machine Company—a large foundry.

Q. Then you never ran a marine engine?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. When?

A. I ran a marine engine nearly two years out of Chicago; I ran a marine engine for the United States Government in the Mississippi River.

Q. At what time?

A. In 1864.

Q. How old are you now?

A. About 58 years old.

Q. You don't look it?

A. I have been in the business since 1860; somewhere about then.

Q. You were only 22 years old when you were running that engine on the Mississippi?

A. That's all.

Q. Then did you afterwards run one at Chicago?

A. Yes, sir. I was in Chicago a short time after I left Canada.

Q. About what year was that?

A. I engaged with the United States Government during the war, and while I was working for them I ran some other boats. I was in the repair department of the Mississippi River fleet.

Q. What was the date you last ran a marine engine?

A. I have run them ever since, nearly every summer, for pleasure.

Q. Yachts, I suppose, or something of that kind?

A. There are some pretty big yachts running on the lake.

Q. When did you last run a marine engine as an employment?

A. Since 1874 I have not been running a steamboat as a steamboat engineer.

Q. Were you ever an inspector of marine engines?

A. No, sir.

Q. Where was this engine of the " Gilphie " built ?

A. Where was the engine built ? At Lockport, New York State.

Q. In the United States ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Therefore it was not built under the inspection of the Canadian Government ?

A. The boat was inspected by an officer of the Canadian Government.

Q. It was not built under Canadian Government inspection ?

A. No, sir, it was not.

Q. Are you aware that that fact reduces the rate about 50 per cent. ?

A. It is not 50 per cent., but it reduces the rate.

Q. Very largely ?

A. Very largely, yes.

Q. The Canadian Government insists upon the marine engines being built under Government inspection ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. And they don't accept the American inspection ?

A. They don't accept the American inspector's inspection in Canada.

By Mr. STRATTON.—Q. Was the engine examined by the Canadian Government inspector when it came into this country ?

A. Yes, sir, it had to be.

Q. Do you know who examined it ?

A. I do not know, sir. I saw it in the record who did. But I don't know who was the examiner at that time.

Q. You don't know who the examiner was ?

A. I don't know who the examiner was. I have seen it somewhere, in looking up the papers, but I don't remember who it was.

Q. You were sent to examine this boat, Mr. Wickens ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did you make a thorough examination of the boat while you were there ?

A. I did the second time. I went and saw the boat three times. The first time I did not make a thorough examination. The second time I did.

Q. I notice in your report you say "The hull is entirely new from the keelson to the rail, new frames, ribs, stanchions and planking, all of the best white oak."

A. Yes, sir.

Q. You made a thorough inspection of that ?

A. I made a good inspection of the hull. Yes, I would say it was thorough.

Q. "The frame ribs are $2\frac{1}{2}$ x6 inches, bolted together two in each rib, making them 5x6 inches, and fastened by $\frac{5}{8}$ bolts with nuts and washers." These are all perfectly sound ?

A. Those were sound ribs ; yes, sir.

Q. The planking on the inside you found to be solid ?

A. The planking on both sides was good. The outside of course was painted, and I could not tell so much about it. The inside had no paint, and I could tell what the timber was.

Q. Then this part of the boat was practically as good as new ?

A. I think so ; yes.

Q. You carefully examined the cabins ?

A. Yes, I looked the cabins over. I might say that I did not examine the cabins as carefully as I did the hull.

Q. You say you examined all the cabins ?

A. Yes, I looked them all over.

Q. Can you say what condition you found them in ?

A. The cabins were in good repair ; there was nothing wrong with them. The ceiling was new and I found several places that had been repaired. The cabins were in good order and there were no rotten boards anywhere.

Q. You examined the boiler and engine ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. You might explain to the Committee how carefully you examined the boiler and engine ?

A. I had the engineer take the covers off the cylinders and off the valves. I also had the caps off the main shafts, and off the cross head pins. I looked at all the wearing parts of the engine. At that time I simply looked at the outside of the boiler with steam on—I did not get in. I looked the outside of the boiler pretty thoroughly over. I might say, so far as the engine is concerned, while I was examining it I looked at the condenser, and the condenser pump, and the feed water pump. I did not take the feed water pump apart—I saw it running and did not consider it necessary. Then, as I say, I examined the boiler thoroughly on the outside at that time. I had to come away then. I was with Mr. Bastedo—I was under his directions. Then I made a report in which I stated that I wanted, before I made a further report, to have an opportunity of examining the boiler internally. I afterwards went there and examined the boiler internally. It was running for two days at Kincardine towing mud scows and I saw the apparatus at work. They had been burning slabs all this time. I wanted to see the engine running with the condenser as well as without it; in fact everything running that was in the boat. They had to make some changes and ran the boat one day with the condenser on. I gave it a pretty thorough looking over at that time. I saw everything on the boat that was necessary for me to see, even as though I had been going to buy the boat myself.

Q. Then you made two inspections of the boat ?

A. Two inspections of the boat.

Q. These were careful and not superficial examination ?

A. The first one was a good inspection and the second one was as good as man could make.

Q. As thorough as could be made ?

A. As thorough as could be made.

Q. You found the engine substantially made and the boiler in good condition ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. And the wearing parts of the engine ?

A. The wearing parts of the engine were in good order. The boiler was locked down to 98 lbs. pressure. If it had been built in Canada under our inspection it would have taken the same boiler 125 lbs.

By Mr. MATHESON :

Q. What do you say about pressure ?

A. It was locked down to 88 lbs. pressure. The same boiler, if it had been built in Canada, under our inspection, would have been locked at 125 pounds pressure. That is the difference between Canadian and American inspection. That is the penalty put on the American construction.

By Mr. STRATTON :

Q. You were on the boat when she was running ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. You found her smooth running ?

A. Yes the boat was a very good smooth running boat. I tried to see how fast I could run the boat. She was very steady and did not vibrate much.

Q. You say in your report "The operation of the engine was very smooth and quiet and the boat, considering her length, free from vibration" ?

A. That was what was found, sir.

Q. How did you find the boat ? Would you consider she was so constructed that there would not be an excessive use of fuel ?

A. The engine is fitted with what we call a rocking cut off valve, and can be run at greater economy than if there was a single valve. When we wanted to run the boat as fast as we could, we got them to put the valve in such a shape as to use all the steam it

could. When we wanted to run the boat economically, we cut the speed down to $2\frac{1}{2}$ or 3 miles per hour. You could run the boat very much cheaper on account of the cut off valve being in.

Q. What are your duties in connection with your position as mechanical engineer of the Public Works Department?

A. I inspect all the boilers in the Ontario Government buildings.

Q. You inspect all the boilers in the public institutions of the Province?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. And these buildings?

A. And in these buildings.

Q. And the engines?

A. The engines and pumps—I always look these over on my trips. I also help them occasionally with some matters electrical. If there is electrical work going on in any of the buildings it falls to my part to see to it, at least as far as inspection is concerned.

Q. You prepare the plans and specifications?

A. The plans and specifications for all the boilers and most of the electrical work.

Q. You found yourself quite capable in reporting upon the boiler and engine of the "Gilphie"?

A. I think so, sir.

Q. Are you quite satisfied in your own mind that your statements in your report to the Government are correct?

A. I am, sir.

Q. And just as you found things at the time?

A. Exactly.

By Mr. MATHESON:

Q. You found leaks about the heater and condenser?

A. Yes, sir. They were not using the heater and condenser at that time and the reason they were not using it, or one reason, was there was simply a leak in a joint.

Q. I see in your report you speak of 96 lbs. pressure instead of 98?

A. I was only speaking from memory. I have not looked at the report since I prepared it last fall.

By Mr. LOUGHRIN:

Q. That joint that you spoke of simply stood in want of a little packing?

A. Yes it was a joint that was leaking.

Q. And a little piece of sheet rubber packing would have fixed that?

A. The engineer fixed it after 12 o'clock at night.

By Mr. MATHESON:

Q. There is a great difference between a marine engine and a stationary engine?

A. No, sir, not a great difference.

Q. Are they not entirely different?

A. No, sir, they are not.

By Mr. PARDEE:

Q. A stationary engineer goes on very often as a marine engineer?

A. Yes.

By Mr. DICKENSON:

Q. Have you been on the boat since you made your inspection?

A. Yes, sir, I was on the boat the day she was turned over to the Government.

By Mr. STRATTON:

Q. From your knowledge of boats and engines, what would you consider the value of the "Gilphie" at the time you examined her?

A. Well I reported verbally to Hon. Mr. Hardy at that time that if he could buy the boat for \$3,500 he would not be paying too much for it. I didn't know what they paid for the boat.

By Mr. MATHESON :

Q. You have never bought a boat for yourself ?

A. Yes, sir, I have, and sold them too.

Q. Of what value ?

A. The most expensive boat I ever bought was \$3,200.

Q. What boat was that ?

A. She was the "Sylphie."

Q. Where was she registered ?

A. She was in Chicago at that time.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE,
April 11th, 1900.

CAPTAIN JOHN SIMPSON, sworn.

By Mr. MATHESON.—Q. Captain Simpson, you live at Owen Sound do you not ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Your occupation is that of shipbuilder ? A. That is my occupation.

Q. Have you been at it for many years ? A. Yes. Oh, I have been a master builder since 1852.

Q. Have you built many vessels ? A. Probably over one hundred.

Q. You have built over one hundred vessels ? A. Yes.

Q. What large boats have you built ? A. The largest ones ?

Q. Some of the largest ones ? A. Well there was the City of Collingwood and the Owen Sound, and the Ontario and the Quebec ; they are the biggest ones I have built.

Q. You built the Pacific ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. And the Atlantic ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. And the City of Midland ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. And the City of Toronto ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. I suppose you have built a large number of tugs, have you ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. And do you know the Gilphie ; have you ever seen the Gilphie ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. The Government Fisheries Steamer ? A. I have seen her.

Q. Have you built boats of that size ? A. Well, yes, about her size.

Q. Have you been employed by the Insurance Companies at all, as inspector and adjuster ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Frequently ? A. I have. Oh, I have been called upon in the case of vessels in the harbor, you know, to look through them and report. I have done that, and I have been called upon—I have been telegraphed to from Chicago and Buffalo to take the places of men, where vessels were in trouble, to survey the amount of damages, and so on, and report.

Q. Have you been employed to value vessels in cases of sale ? A. Well, I put a value on two different vessels at the request of both buyer and seller, and they agreed to take my valuation, and they did so, and they were satisfied. I can tell pretty well the value of a vessel ; what she ought to be, and what she would cost.

Q. Have you inspected the Gilphie lately ? A. Well, as far as I could—

Q. When ? A. I could not get down at the bottom of her very well. She was full of water up pretty near to the shafts—ice and water, you know, creep in.

Q. This was last week was it ? A. Yes, sir, on Saturday.

Q. Has she been enlarged ? A. Yes, sir. Her original width as near as I could judge has been about 10 feet 6. It looked to me that was about what it has been from the cabin. The old cabin was the whole width of her ; now she is 15 feet 6.

Q. What was the nature of the enlargement ? A. Well they cut her down to the water's edge, or perhaps a little below it, and then concaved her right out—made her dish-shaped.

Q. Was this addition built strongly ? A. The fact is I don't know. I could not tell the size of her frame, for I could not get at it, but she's got no beam. She's got one beam forward of the engine, and then there is 24 feet 9 inches where there is no beam, and she is just that dish shape and no beams across her for 24 feet 9 inches.

Q. Do you call that a proper job ? A. Why it is not a job at all ; it is not to be considered any job.

Q. Would she be safe in a storm ? A. Not for rough water, you know. She would do to go along if there was no sea, but she is not fit—

Q. For rough water ? She is not fit for rough water ? A. Oh no I would not consider she was.

Q. How would a sea work on her in a gale ? A. If she was caught in a heavy sea it seems to me that she would spread ; I don't see anything to hinder her from spreading.

Q. That is because she has not got enough beams across ? A. She has not got enough beams across for 24 feet 9 inches—in the wide part.

Q. Would a boat built in that dish-shaped way be apt to capsize ? A. She would want a lot of stone and old iron to ballast her down when she got that wide part in the water.

Q. Did you find her pretty well loaded down ? A. She had a lot of stone in her.

Q. Were you able to inspect her hull ? Her planking on the outside was $2\frac{1}{2}$ thick, and apparently good plank, and in the ceilings there there was about an inch and a half. That is the new work. I could not see the old work because she was full of ice and water.

Q. What is the siding like ? A. The siding ?

Q. Yes. A. It is the scantlend sides of the frame you mean ? It is the scantlend sides of the frame—the width of the plank that the frame is made out of. The thickness of the plank the frame is made out of—that is what we call the flitch diameter.

Q. What is the flitch ? A. That is what the frame is made of.

Q. What is the moulded size of the frame ? A. From the outside of the frame to the inside ?

Q. Yes. A. The siding size is the size of the frame and the moulded size is the other way up.

Q. Did you find that work properly done ? A. Well, as far as I could see I could not see anything wrong about that work. That is the moulding.

Q. The moulding ? A. Yes. How the scantling was laid on to the old frame and the kind of timber that was in the old I could not see.

Q. You could not tell how the new was attached to the old ? A. How it was attached ? A. No, sir.

Do you know the Dolphin, the old fishery boat ? A. Yes sir.

Q. You have seen her ? A. Oh yes she is a composite boat.

Q. What kind of a frame had she ? A. Iron frame, planked with wood.

Q. And what are the frames of this boat, the Gilphie ? A. They are wood.

Q. It has been given in evidence here from the Marine Report that the Dolphin was sold for \$700 by the Dominion Government ? A. Yes.

Q. What expenditure on the Dolphin would have made her as good a boat as the Gilphie ? A. It would take about \$500 if they had her hull out, and put a new stern on

her, and fixed her stern up pretty good. About \$500 more would have planked her inside and she was a better boat than this one.

Q. The Dolphin was rebuilt by the Dominion Government a few years ago, was it not? A. That's what I am speaking about. After she had her stern—

Q. That was done before she was sold? A. Yes, before she was sold.

Q. The Dominion Government did that before she was sold? A. Yes.

Q. And you think a subsequent expenditure of \$500 would have made her as good a boat as the Gilphie is now? A. She would have been a better boat.

Q. She would have been a more serviceable boat for the fisheries? A. I think so.

Q. You are living on the lakes. At what time of the year is such a boat required for the fisheries. A. The most important time is the fall of the year, in the close season.

Q. In the close season? A. Yes.

Q. In the fall of the year. Is that a stormy time on the lakes? A. That is as bad a time as we have.

Q. Then you think the Gilphie is not a suitable boat for the purpose at that time of the year? A. Well, I would not like to do the business on her in that season, that is unless I had it down so that I could stay in port until there was a very nice day, and go a little ways and stop. But if a man looked after his owners he would not go out in her in bad weather—that is my opinion—and I don't think they will.

Q. Now, Captain Simpson, if you had been asked the value of the Gilphie by this Government who proposed to purchase her, what value would you have placed on her at the outside? A. I would have told plainly to let her alone—that she was not fit for the business.

Q. Not fit for the business? A. That is what I would have told.

Q. If you had been asked by some purchaser who wanted to buy her any way what he might give for her, what would you have said? A. Well, if it was an individual I would advise him not to give over \$1,200 for her.

Q. You would not advise him to give over \$1,200? A. No. Better boats than her have been sold for that much money. She has very little power, only a 12x12 cylinder, and for a boat of that size it has no power at all.

Q. What speed do you suppose she could make? A. Oh, I don't know; I don't think very much. She could make better speed if she was full of water in a fair wind than she could in any other way.

Q. She was built at Lockport, in the States? A. So I believe. It would suit her well enough in the canal.

Q. She would do for a tug boat in the canal? A. Do for a pleasure boat in the canal.

Q. I believe she is the original Joe of Arnoldi fame? A. Yes, a boat that was sold I understand for a dollar.

Q. I expect that was all he really paid for it, but I suppose the Government paid the rest? A. Yes, I guess so, but that part of it did not appear.

Q. What is the size of the boiler? A. 4 feet 3.

Q. What shape are the timbers of the boat in? A. The timbers?

Q. Yes. A. Well, they are sound, what I saw of them. It was put in new; she has had these repairs done recently.

Q. That is since she was bought? A. Since she was bought? A. Before she changed hands. When the parties that sold her, had her, they done this work.

Q. I believe she was rebuilt in 1896? A. The man is here who done the work. He can give you a pretty good idea.

Q. Well, then in your own opinion the boat was not suitable for fishery purposes? A. No. You see there is this new work attached to the old and we don't know how it is attached, how it is put together.

Q. Has she any cabin on her ? A. Yes, she has a cabin.

Q. One big cabin ? A. Yes, one big cabin.

Q. There are no state rooms ? A. No state rooms. It is all one from the proof deck to the forward part of the cabin, and then there is a door in the front of the cabin where you can creep through.

Q. Capt. Simpson, it has been claimed in the report that it would take more men to run the Dolphin than to run the Gilphie ? A. I don't think so. I think the crew that would run one would run the other.

Q. Any crew that would run one could run the other ? A. I would think so, yes. It would not take a very big crew to run a boat like that, and that sized engine, if it did not run nights or in bad weather.

By Mr. LATCHFORD : Q. When did you examine this boat ? A. Last Saturday.

Q. What time ? A. In the afternoon.

Q. When did you begin the examination ? A. Oh, about 3 o'clock.

Q. When did you finish it ? A. I finished it on Tuesday afternoon.

Q. How long did you remain at the examining on Saturday ? A. On Saturday ? I guess I was there a couple of hours.

Q. Two hours on Saturday ? A. Yes.

Q. Any time on Monday ? A. Yes, on the afternoon of Monday.

Q. How long ? A. I did not keep account of the time.

Q. Surely it is not so long ago, but that you can remember ? A. Well, perhaps a couple of hours.

Q. Are you not certain ? A. Yes.

Q. Well, how long was it ? A. About two hours. I wanted to examine her most particularly but could not get there for ice and water.

Q. I did not ask you that. You say you spent two hours examining the boat on Saturday ? A. Yes, I think so.

Q. You think so. Have you any doubt of it ? A. Well, I don't know for a fact the number of minutes.

Q. What is your estimate ? A. About two hours I think.

Q. And then on Monday ? A. About the same length of time in the afternoon.

Q. Tuesday ? A. Tuesday, I was not on her at all. I came down here.

Q. How did you come to examine her ? A. I got a letter. Perhaps I had better—

Q. You got a letter from this committee ? A. I don't know.

Q. Had you stated to anybody that you desired to give evidence ? A. No, sir.

Q. Had you talked the matter over with anyone—— A. No, sir.

Q. Before ? A. No, sir.

Q. Can you suggest any way by which the committee knew that you could give this evidence ? A. I don't know. The first thing I knew about it I got this letter.

Q. Well, before this you had talked the matter over a good deal, had you not ? A. No.

Q. Have you talked to Mr. Boyd about it ?

Mr. MATHESON objected to the question, but the chairman ruled that it was a proper question to be put.

WITNESS : No, sir, I did not.

Q. Are you a master shipbuilder, Mr. Simpson ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. And you have been a master shipbuilder ever since 1872 ? A. Since 1852.

Q. Building vessels on your own account ? A. On my own account, yes.

Q. And doing a good deal of work from time to time, I suppose, for the government? A. Well, I have not done a great deal of work for the government.

Q. Have you done any since 1896? A. What work I have done for the government was on the Bayfield.

Q. You understand English? Have you done any work since 1896? No.

Q. And you were not very well pleased at the change of government, were you? A. No, I had no fault to find about the change.

Q. But you were not pleased about it? A. I have no fault to find with the government, one way or the other. That is not my business.

Q. But your name no longer appears in the Public Accounts every year? A. Sir?

Q. Your name no longer figures in the Public Accounts at Ottawa? A. I don't think it ever figured since what I done for the Bayfield.

Q. Since you fixed up the Bayfield? A. I done a little work on the Bayfield.

Q. And that was the last? A. And the first.

Q. Now, when you inspected this vessel on Saturday and Monday last she was full of water and ice up to the shaft? A. Yes, sir.

Q. How far would that be up from the keelson inside? A. Well, just about 15½ inches from the keelson to the shaft—to the centre of the shaft.

Q. Then you did not examine the keelson? A. I could not see it.

Q. And you do not know whether it is new or not? A. I don't know whether it is new or not. Perhaps there is not much keelson in her.

Q. Well, you don't know? A. I don't know.

Q. Don't know whether there is or not? A. I did not see it.

Q. And of course you did not see where the frames are attached? A. All I could see was —

Q. You did not see that? No, I could not get at it.

Q. Was there a large part of this vessel you did not examine at all? A. Well, there was the old part.

Q. How do you know it was the old part? A. Well, the old part was the bottom.

Q. How do you know the bottom was not new as well as the rest of it? A. I had that from the man who done the new work.

Q. And you do not know yourself? A. No.

Q. Of your own knowledge? A. No

Q. Who is the man who told you that? A. Mr. Rhody told me that.

Q. Mr. Rhody told you what? A. He told me that he cut the old off down a little below the water line, and just attached the new to it.

Q. When did he tell you that? A. To-day.

Q. Is Mr. Rhody here? A. Yes.

Q. Well, he can speak for himself. Now, I am told that there is a new keelson, and that the hull has been rebuilt new from the keelson to the rail. Is that true? A. I don't think it is, sir.

Q. Why do you not think it is true? How do you assume to contradict that statement? A. I am not contradicting it.

Q. You are contradicting it? A. That she was built new from the keelson? Well, the man who built it says not and I can believe him for he worked for me for many years.

Q. So it is on that you are making the statement? A. Yes.

Q. How about the frames, are they not new? A. New, where the new work is; there is no doubt about that.

Q. But you did not see any part of the vessel below the water ? A. Not below the water.

Q. And the parts might be new down there for all you know ? A. There might be a new part under water, a little, you know. Yes, there is no doubt about that.

Q. Were the ribs all new ? A. Well that is the frame, you call them ribs and they have been new where the new work is.

Q. Did you see any that were not new ? A. I did not see any of the frame.

Q. Did you see any ribs that were not new ? A. I did not see any ribs as you call them at all. I did not see the frame, it was planked in.

Q. And the stanchions were all new ? A. Yes.

Q. All new ? A. Yes, they must be new.

Q. Planking, all new ? A. Planking above the water all new.

Q. And below the water, you know nothing about it ? A. No.

Q. And it is all of the best white oak ? A. I know that the outside plank is of white oak.

Q. Of the best quality ? A. Are you sure of that ?

Q. I am asking you ? A. Oh, I guess the plank is good.

Q. And it is well framed, well done ? A. The planking is well done. I don't know how the frame is done. Pretty hard to have a frame well done in attaching it on to the old, you know.

Q. But it could be done ? A. It could be done.

Q. And could be well done ? A. Yes.

Q. But it a little hard to do it. That is all, is it not ? A. That's all. If the frame attached to, is heavy enough and sound enough, you can make it as good as new.

Q. Did you see anything about this boat to lead you to believe she is not as good as new ? A. I have no idea it was as good as new.

Q. You said you did not see anything wrong about the frame of the boat. Your statement was 'I could not see anything wrong about the frame?' A. There is a good deal of difference between building a vessel—

Q. I am not asking you that. Answer my question, and we will get through ? A. You won't to put a question so that you can answer it intelligently.

Q. You said to Colonel Matheson, if my record of your statement is correct 'I could not see anything wrong about the frame?' Did you see anything wrong about any part of the work, the scantling or any other part ? A. About the material ?

Q. About any part of the work ? Can you not answer the question yes or no ? A. I would like the question put to me in a shape I can understand.

Q. The work consists of the frames, the outside planking and the inside planking ? A. And then the way it is constructed, that's another thing.

Q. Did you see anything wrong about that work ? A. I did not see anything wrong about the material or the way it was put together.

Q. I will put it this way. Was the workmanship good ? A. As far as I know the workmanship was all right.

Q. Now were the materials good ? A. I think so in the new work.

Q. What rate of speed did you say this vessel could attain—her maximum rate of speed ? A. Well I suppose, perhaps—

Q. From your judgment of her machinery ? A. Perhaps from 7 to 8 miles.

Q. Seven to eight miles ? A. I would think so, perhaps in fine weather.

Q. You have been good enough to speak about the cost of transferring the vessel at one time, of one dollar being given as a consideration ? A. Eh ?

Q. You spoke of a dollar consideration a few moments ago? A. Well that is what I understand. The man that got her was Arnoldi. You must remember that very well.

Q. Yes I remember the building of the vessel very distinctly and her outfitting too. She was built at Lockport and the transfer of her to Arnoldi was made when he was Chief Engineer of the Dominion Government at Ottawa? A. Yes, I understand so.

Q. And you know she was fitted out in the Canal at Ottawa? A. So I believe.

Q. At the public expense? A. I guess so.

Q. Do you know what she was valued at when completed there? A. I don't know sir.

Q. Would you be surprised to hear she was worth five or six thousand dollars? A. I would be very much surprised.

Q. You would not think so? A. I would not think when she was fitted out that she was valued at that much, because she has got a little 12 by 12 high pressure engine and a little boiler, the like of which nobody would want to have.

Q. The fittings are good are they not Mr. Simpson? A. No, they are not good.

Q. They are not so good? A. Its not a modern engine.

Q. Not up to date? A. No its a thing that nobody would want.

Q. Have you had any experience in running boats? A. Oh, yes, sir

Q. Been out on the lakes? A. Yes.

Q. So that you have been a navigator and a shipbuilder? A. I have been on the lakes too much—

Q. You are a Conservative, I suppose Mr. Simpson? A. Well I have voted both ways. My politics don't hurt me a bit.

By Hon. Mr. STRATTON:—Q. What would a boat of this kind cost, in the first place? A. Well if I was in the business now—I am out of business now, I am troubled with rheumatism, so I cannot work at it—but I have built a great deal better boat than that and they are building now, for less than \$2,000. That is new, without machinery. They are boats you know—they are made in the shape of a boat. This is not in the shape of a boat.

Q. I am asking you what a new boat of this size, equipped as she is, would be worth in the first place. A. Nobody would build her in the shape she is.

Q. I am not asking you that. I am asking you what this boat with workmanship, material and equipment would cost in the first place? A. Perhaps about \$2,500.

Q. That is machinery and all? A. You see—

Q. Answer my question in your own way. A. The engine and boiler are cheap because they are so small—small, high pressure—

Q. There she is engine, boiler and all, equipped and ready to run. What is she worth in the first place? You understand my question? A. Perhaps a good boat built that way would cost \$3,000.

Q. Supposing you try it again now, and see if you cannot raise on that? A. No would not raise on that. They are building them now 70 feet long and 17 feet beam and all the wood work inside, for \$2,000.

Q. Is she not more strongly built than usual for a vessel of that kind? A. She is not sir.

Q. She is not? A. No

Q. She is well put together? A. I guess her planks are spiked down well enough. The materials are good and the planking looks as if it had been done properly.

By Mr. MATHESON—Q. Do you consider the absence of extra cross beams a fatal defect in the boat? A. Yes, it is something I never saw before, and I don't think anybody else saw such a thing before.

Q. What did you mean in your answer to Mr. Stratton! Do you mean that you could build a new boat of new wood with new machinery, the same as she is now, for \$3,000? Is that what you would estimate it at? A. About \$3,000. You see if you put machinery—

Q. That is with the same kind she has now? A. About \$3,000 I guess. But then you know there would be a great deal more bulk in her if she was built properly. She is just dish-shaped now, only 5 feet 10 deep.

Q. Could you build a better boat? A. If you could build one at all you would build a better boat.

Q. Could you build a better boat with the same engine, for \$3,000? A. I expect you could.

JAMES RHODY, sworn:

By Mr. Latchford:—Q. What is your business Mr. Rhody? A. Ship carpentering and ship building.

Q. You reside where? A. At Chatham.

Q. And how many years experience have you had? A. I went into the shipyard when I was 18 years of age.

Q. You are now about 40? A. I am 68 next birthday, if you please. Of course part of that time I have really not been working at the business.

Q. Did you do any work on the tug Gilphie at any time? A. Yes, sir.

Q. When? A. I think it was three years ago this spring.

Q. Where? A. At Southampton.

Mr. MATHESON: It was four years ago. Witness: It may be four years ago.

By Mr. LATCHFORD:—Q. Four years ago? A. Three or four, I could not remember which. I thought it was three.

Q. Will you tell me what work you did beginning as low down as you could get at it? A. Well I did not begin that way.

Q. Well? A. I began at the top and worked down.

Q. Well that is not a bad way. Tell the committee what you did? A. Well I stripped the sheeting out of her, the first job I done, and knocked the frame out of her and cut off the planks where I wanted them cut off, and I got down low so that I could get new frames into her. I went just below the turn of the bilge. It was a very narrow boat in the first place, and apparently when she was built her bottom was not very wide, and in order to get the width for her beam—

Q. You went down pretty near the keelson, did you? A. No, sir, I went to the bottom of the bilge.

Q. And then cut off the old frames there? A. Cut them off, yes, cut some of them square off and went down in the sides. Where there was boards that came away underneath I knocked them off and put a new frame in, in the way it was built in the first place. Some of the other frames which was good and hard I left them and put new frames along side of them.

Q. The old frames were as you said, good and hard? A. They were as I said, sound.

Q. Any that were not sound did you remove? A. I did not see any in the bottom. They were perfectly sound; in fact they were sound all the way.

Q. In fact your only reason for changing them was to increase the width of the boat? A. To increase the width of the boat.

Q. Not because they were unsound? A. They were not fit for the boat in the first place. The first frames that she was built up with, they were too light for any boat of her size above water.

Q. Then what did you do after that? A. Well we joined on new frames into her.

Q. What were the frames made of ? A. It seems to me they were taken out of 3 inch plank but I could not positively swear. I would not like to swear that for fear of a mistake. Some might be $2\frac{1}{2}$.

Q. They were said to be $2\frac{1}{2}$ x6 bolted together ? A. Well I really forget whether it was $2\frac{1}{2}$ or 3 ; I could not remember.

Q. They are not 6 inches ? A. No, sir.

Q. Five inches ? A. 5 and $5\frac{1}{2}$ in some places.

Q. Well generally you built the boat up from the old bottom ? A. Yes, from the old bottom. I think if I remember right there was a 3 width streak of plank left in her midst.

Q. Then you heard Captain Simpson's evidence that the workmanship was good ? I suppose you looked after that ? A. I did so.

Q. It was your workmanship ? A. It was my workmanship.

Q. And the material was good ? A. It was good. It was good oak ; in fact I would not put anything else in.

Q. No ? A. Not unless the man would force me to do it. This man did not want that.

Q. And you put in her good cabins ? A. Her cabins remain on the boat as she was first built.

Q. How were they, in good order ? A. We might have cut a chunk off the cabin and put in beams underneath at the aft end, but in regard to this talk of the boat being without beams for her size, I considered the boat strong enough without beams.

Q. You consider the boat strong enough without beams ? A. I do.

Q. And you have had thirty or forty years experience ? A. I have had more.

Q. Experience in estimating the seaworthiness of boats ? A. I have had my share.

Q. So on that point you put your opinion against Captain Simpson's ? A. I do, on that point.

Q. You consider your own is as good as his ? A. I have reason for it. I done work myself and I know why I done it and what I done it for. There was a lot of expense put on that cabin and to save it as far as possible, I left the planks underneath her old frame and I ran half beams across and bolted them into the clamp below. Beside that I put in extra heavy shelves $4\frac{1}{2}$ x9 or 10 inches against her sides. I consider her fit enough for any boat of her size.

Q. Did you say anything to Captain Simpson that would indicate the work was not well done or that anything had been overlooked in repairing her ? A. No, sir, I did not.

By Mr. STRATTON.—Q. The work of reconstruction was stronger than is usual in a boat of that size ? A. I don't know that it was stronger than any man would do who knows what he is doing. I think other men would have done it in much the same way.

By Mr. LATCHFORD.—Q. Captain Simpson has stated that he does not think the boat is seaworthy ? A. I think she is a better seaworthy boat than she ever was before. That is what I really think. I would take it as such for myself.

Q. You think she is strong enough to stand the stress of any weather she is likely to be out in ? A. Well I would not swear to that, because the best boat in the world, let alone a boat of that size, sometimes gets too much. I considered the boat at the time perfectly safe and good enough for Mr. Bowman's business. If I did not I would have told the gentleman.

By Mr. MATHESON.—Q. Where is your shipyard ? A. I have no shipyard. I don't keep a shipyard at all.

Q. Have you ever had a shipyard ? A. No, sir. I never had one of my own. I just go wherever I am wanted.

Q. What large steamers have you built ? A. I never built very many boats.

Q. Did you ever build one? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Which one? A. There was one of them I built—I think a man here owns it—that was the Lily Smith.

Q. How large is she? A. 130 feet on deck.

Q. How much tonnage? A. I think it is 400 and some odd.

Q. What is she used for? A. They are freighting her up and down the lakes.

Q. A freight boat is she? A. Yes, sir.

Q. That is the largest boat you ever built? A. For myself, but I have been foreman on some as good boats as there are on the lakes. I have been foreman for Captain Simpson for years.

Q. You were Captain Simpson's foreman? A. I was at one time.

Q. Worked under him? A. Yes, sir, done his work.

Q. How much of the original boat was left after you got through? A. Her keel, and stern and her deck forward was left on her.

Q. What was the part left in the old boat worth? A. That is pretty hard to tell.

Q. What would you have valued her at supposing you had stripped her off, and Mr. Bowman wanted to buy her? What would you have estimated the balance that was left, engine and all, at? A. Oh she may been worth—engine and all?

Q. Yes? A. Oh that's another thing.

Q. Well without the engine, we will put that separately? A. Well I would not give myself over four or five hundred dollars for it.

Q. For all that was left from the old boat? Now what would you have given for the engine? A. Well I could not say. I would not put a price on the engine at all because I did not take much notice of it.

Q. Are you an expert in the value of engines? A. I am not. It's a thing I never bothered my head about.

Q. What was your arrangement about rebuilding? Had you a contract? A. No, sir; I done it by the day.

Q. You just worked by the day? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Any idea of what it cost? A. Well, Mr. Bowman told me she cost a little over \$1,200.

Q. Rebuilding her? That is including everything? A. I did not keep track of it myself. I did keep track of the men.

Q. How long were you at her? A. That I don't know. I was at her a couple of months or more; not very long.

Q. How many hands had she? A. What, working in her you mean?

Q. Yes, working on her? A. I had six or seven men. I might have had more.

Q. Three or four months? A. No, I was not three or four months.

Q. How long were you? A. I went there 1st or 2nd March—I don't know the day—and I think I was there until some day in May.

Q. Two months? A. Two months and a half.

Q. And during all that time you had seven or eight men? A. Yes; I don't know but what I had more.

Q. You just worked by the day? A. Yes, sir.

Q. You are not certain as to whether she would stand the fall weather on the lakes? A. Well, I would not like to say that that boat would be fit to stand the very worst weather, but for a boat of her size she ought to be able to stand quite a sea.

Q. Are you building any boats now? A. Not now.

Q. You are not building any? A. I built one up there since that, a tug about the same length as she was.

- Q. For whom ? A. For Mr. John Macaulay.
- Q. How long was she ? A. I think about seventy-two feet.
- Q. About the same length as this boat ? A. About the same.
- Q. How much tonnage was she ? A. I really forget what her tonnage was.
- Q. About twenty tons ? A. Oh, it was more than that.
- Q. Thirty ? A. I could not tell you.
- Q. But you built her complete ? A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Engines and all ? A. I never do any iron work.
- Q. What did you get for the job, for the whole work ? A. What did I get ?
- Q. Yes ? A. I was paid by the day ; there was no job work about it.
- Q. What was the size of the flitch stuff ? A. It was either $2\frac{1}{2}$ or 3 inches. They were put up double and they were 5 or $5\frac{1}{2}$ deep.
- Q. What was the moulding size of the frame ? A. From 5 to $5\frac{1}{2}$ right through.
- Q. Was it new or attached to the old ? A. New ?
- Q. Yes ? A. Why, of course it was a new frame attached to the old.
- Q. Where was it attached to the old ? A. Just under the bottom of the boat.
- Q. How long were the shifts from the new to the old ? A. How long was the shift ? It was lapped right on to the old, there was no shift. Some places we got them down two feet or over, and some places not so much.
- Q. It was from two feet to less than two feet ? A. Yes. Probably from 12 or 15 inches in some places.
- Q. Why did you not put another beam across ? A. It would spoil the cabin.
- Q. That is the reason you did not put another beam ? A. That is the reason.
- Q. Would she not have been stronger with another beam across ? A. She might have been, but she is strong enough.
- Q. Don't you think 24 feet 9 inches is not strong enough without a beam ? A. I don't know that that is so.
- Q. Don't you think it is a long distance without a beam in a boat ? A. I have seen longer.
- Q. Had it not been for the cabin you would have felt like putting in another, would you not ? A. Why, certainly. I would have put in three or four, maybe five.
- Q. And it was just to save the cabin you did not put them in ? A. You could not do that in that boat and leave the cabin where it was.
- Q. To make her stronger you would put in five or six ? A. Well, I would not have them every $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet apart if I was putting beams right through her. But that boat, with cabin and boiter and all that sort of thing, you have got to have space for it. There is not a tug on the lakes that has got that distance on the average, that length is 25 feet without a beam.
- Q. You don't know anything about boilers, Mr. Rhody ; you don't speak of them as an expert ? A. No, I don't bother with engines at all.
- By Mr. LATCHFORD.—Q. So it is a common thing to have a distance of from 18 to 25 feet without a beam across ? A. You have got to have a certain amount.
- Q. And you strengthened that in another way ? A. That is what I did. Some does not do that.
- Q. But that is what you did ? A. I did.
- Q. And is the work which you did in another way just as strong as the work that would be done by putting in beams ? A. Not as strong.
- Q. But still sufficiently strong ? A. But still sufficiently strong.
- Q. Now this is rather a small boat is it not ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. I suppose the weather on the Georgian Bay is often very rough ? A. Very bad.

Q. And small boats of that size keep in harbour in rough weather ? A. Most of them do.

Q. No matter how strongly they are built ? A. Yes.

Q. They find it a very salutary precaution ? A. The last boat I was in went out in worse weather on Lake Huron.

By Mr. MATHESON.—Q. By what other way did you make up the loss of beams ? A. On the top of the plank we placed extra heavy shelves for a boat of that size. It was 4 inches by 9 and $9\frac{1}{2}$ wide. It was in the side of the boat. This boat as constructed had a 2 feet width of cabin wall. The cabin wall was on the outside of her in the first place, and she was 2 feet now on each side.

ROBERT ABBEY SWORN :

By Mr. STRATTON.—Q. You are a ship builder, Mr. Abbey ? A. I am.

Q. Residing and carrying on business where ? A. At Owen Sound.

Q. How many years experience have you ? A. 29.

Q. Do you know the boat in question ? A. I do.

Q. How long have you known her ? A. Since last fall.

Q. Where is she now ? A. She is now at Owen Sound.

Q. Have you seen her lately ? A. I saw her yesterday.

Q. Did you make any inspection of her lately ? A. I did.

Q. Look carefully over her ? A. I did. I looked over her thoroughly—as well as I could under the circumstances.

Q. As well as anybody could, I suppose ? A. Yes, just as well as any person.

Q. Just tell us briefly, Mr. Abbey, whether you found her in good condition ? A. I found her in good condition.

Q. Sound and staunch ? A. Sound as far as we could ascertain from the inspection.

Q. Did you bore into her ? A. I did.

By Mr. LATCHFORD.—Q. How did you find her timbers ? A. Sound.

By Mr. STRATTON.—Q. Have you any pieces of the borings ? A. (Producing borings) I have, I bored into both the old frame and the new and I found very little difference in the color of the timber.

By Mr. LATCHFORD.—Q. You found the timber sound ? A. I did.

Q. This is an exhibit you produce to show the timber is sound throughout ? A. Yes, so far as it is possible to ascertain.

Q. What have you to say as to her seaworthiness, Mr. Abbey ? A. In ordinary weather I should judge the boat would be all right—She never was constructed for heavy weather ; never was intended for it.

Q. Is there any necessity that she should be used, for present purposes, in heavy weather ; so far as you know ? A. I am not well enough versed in the work the fishery inspector has to do to know that. I don't know whether he is supposed to stand out in all weathers or just choose his weather when he makes his run.

Q. You would naturally suppose from his business that he could choose his own weather ? A. To a certain extent.

Q. He is not bound to make any specific trips or anything of that kind ? A. Well, I don't know.

Q. Then what about the machinery, have you any experience in regard to that ? A. I don't profess to know very much about machinery but I find she has what we call a 12 x 12 cylinder which can be used either as a condensing engine, or as a high pressure. She has what we call a Northeby independent condenser.

Q. Does that add to the cost of a high pressure engine ? A. Yes.

Q. You did not hear Mr. Simpson say anything about that? A. Unless I had been told about it I would not have noticed it either.

Q. You do know that it adds considerably to the cost? A. Not considerably, but it does add to the cost.

Q. And is of considerable advantage to the boat at times. A. Yes.

Q. Have you built the hulls of boats similar to this? Yes, I have.

Q. What would be your estimate, if you were to form an estimate, as to the cost of the hull of such a boat—taking the hull apart from her works—at present? A. Her hull new would probably cost \$2,000.

Q. That would include the cabins would it? A. That would include such cabins.

Q. That would include all the woodwork? A. Yes.

Q. Would it include the painting? A. The first coating—the priming coat.

Q. The priming coat only. Then have you any knowledge of what such machinery as is in that boat would cost when new? First of all take her equipment, anchors, chains, etc.? A. If you take the whole equipment it would cost in the neighborhood of \$1500—say \$1800.

By Mr. MATHESON:—What is that for? A. That would include her machinery, and the outfitting—anchor, chain, and part of the life preservers.

By Mr. BOYD:—That is new machinery you are speaking about now? A. Yes.

By Mr. LATCHFORD:—Q. And what would it cost to paint her up, and fix her up in addition? A. The painting would run about \$50.

Q. Fifty dollars more? A. That is ordinary painting, but she is finished in hard wood finish.

Q. And that is more expensive? A. More expensive.

By Mr. MATHESON:—Q. Do you consider this boat as good as if she were new and in order? A. I do not. The boat though is in good shape.

Q. In good shape, good order? A. Good order.

Q. Do you know, anything about her sailing or steaming qualities? A. No, I have never seen the boat running, but I should judge she would make 9 miles an hour. It is a very slow boat that does not make that.

By Mr. DICKENSON:—Q. Mr. Abbey, when you speak of the cost, do you mean you would build her for that? A. Yes, I am building a larger boat than that now for \$2,500, a good deal heavier and larger boat.

By Mr. MATHESON:—Q. A very much heavier and larger boat? A. Yes I have her on the stocks at the present time.

By Mr. STRATTON:—Q. I understood you to say a moment ago, Mr. Abbey, that the boat would cost, that is completed, \$3,800? A. New.

Q. That would be about \$4,000 entirely completed? A. She would cost very nearly that new, her equipment and all.

By Mr. LATCHFORD:—Q. Just the class of boat she is to-day? Yes.

A. F. BOWMAN, SWORN:

By Mr. STRATTON:—Q. Were you the owner of the steamer Gilphie? A. I was.

Q. When did you buy her? A. I bought her, I think it was in 1893. I just looked it up before I came away to see the date. I think it was 1893.

Q. What did you pay for her? A. No, in 1894 I bought her.

Q. What did you pay for her in 1894? A. Paid \$2,050 for her.

Q. Did you expend any money on her after you purchased her? A. Oh yes.

Q. How much? A. It would be between \$1,400 and \$1,500.

Q. About \$1,500? A. About \$1,500 any way.

Q. How did you expend that money? Explain to the committee what you had done to the boat? A. I had her rebuilt.

Q. You had the boat thoroughly rebuilt? A. I had her thoroughly rebuilt, yes.

Q. Thoroughly overhauled? A. Well I had her taken down to a place where the boat builder could widen her out and make her a wider boat.

Q. To whom did you sell the boat? To the Ontario Government? A. Yes, to the Ontario Government.

Q. What did you receive for her? A. \$3,250.

Q. What did you ask for her? A. \$4,000.

Q. She was in first class condition when you sold her? A. I considered her such; yes.

Q. Was she as good, practically as new? A. Oh she was better.

Q. She was better? A. She was a better boat than she ever was before.

Q. In what way? A. In strength, seaworthiness and any shape you want to take it as a boat.

Q. In strength and seaworthiness she was superior than she was originally? A. Oh, yes, beyond a doubt.

Q. You had reconstructed the hull and widened her, and made her seaworthy in every respect? A. Made her more seaworthy and a stronger boat than she ever was before.

Q. What speed did the boat make? A. She was a good 10 mile boat.

Q. Well a good ten mile boat means one that will run from 10 to 12 miles an hour does it? A. Well she will run ordinarily—10 miles is her ordinary running rate. If you open her up and let her go she would run a mile and a half or two miles faster—something of that kind.

Q. Were the engines substantially made? Oh, yes, she had extra good machinery.

Q. Extra good machinery? A. Better than is commonly put into a boat of that size, a good deal.

Q. Were you anxious to dispose of the boat? A. Not particularly, no.

Q. She suited your business? A. Very well.

Q. Would you consider her good value to-day at the price paid for her? A. Oh she is worth more to-day. She was worth that price when she was sold, and she is worth more money than that to-day.

Q. She is worth more money than that to-day? A. Yes.

Q. Would you take her back at the same money? A. Yes.

Q. You would take the boat back at the same money? A. I offered to take her back, I suppose two or three weeks after I sold her.

Q. Two or three weeks after you disposed of her? A. Yes.

Q. They were satisfied with the boat and would not dispose of her? A. Yes, they seemed to be.

By Mr. MATHESON:—Q. Where do you live Mr. Bowman? A. Southampton.

Q. What is your business? A. I ship bark, and lumber and other things.

Q. Had you any other boats than this? A. Yes.

Q. What do you own? A. I am interested in a couple of tow barges, and two or three scows. Three scows, I think it is.

Q. Are the boats employed in connection with the dredging at Southampton? A. No, they are freight boats.

Q. Is it a company you are interested in or a partnership? A. It is a company; yes.

Q. Is it an incorporated company or a partnership. A. No, a partnership.

Q. Are you a brother of the member for North Bruce? A. Yes.

Q. Is he interested in your business? A. Well he is, yes.

Q. Which part of it? A. Well he is interested in the tanning and lumber business. He is interested in these boats.

Q. He is interested in these boats. Was the tug Gilphie owned by the partnership? A. No, sir.

Q. He is interested in all the boats except the tug Gilphie? A. Everything but that I think. Yes, he was not interested in her at all. He did not own any of her.

Q. What did you pay for the boat? A. \$2,050.

Q. And what do you estimate the repairs at? \$1,400? A. Yes, fully \$1,400—between \$1,400 and \$1,500. I spent more money than that on her.

Q. Did you ever build any other boats yourself? A. Yes, I have had them built for me.

Q. When you talk of her being better in strength and seaworthiness, you don't speak as an expert? You are not a builder yourself in any way? A. I am not a builder, no.

Q. You would not undertake to supervise a number of carpenters building a boat without a fireman? A. I would not undertake to lay out work for the men to do.

Q. That is what I mean. You have not the technical knowledge for that? A. No.

By Mr. STRATTON:—Q. You would undertake to know it was well done? A. Yes. I have more knowledge of it than men sitting around the table. I am in that kind of business, and I claim to know a little about it. I have followed it up for the last 8 or 9 years and know a little about it.

By Mr. MATHESON:—Q. Who asked you to sell the boat, or did you ask the Government to buy? A. I think they made enquiries from me. I don't remember how that was.

Q. Did the Government send anybody to value her? A. Well, they sent men to examine her, I believe.

Q. They sent Mr. Bastedo, and Mr. Wickens, and this Capt. Finlayson, I believe? A. Yes.

Q. Do you know whether they sent any person to put a value on her? A. I don't know whether they sent any person to put a value on her.

Q. As a matter of fact their reports don't show any value? A. I don't know what they show.

By Mr. STRATTON:—Q. Your general knowledge and experience in handling a boat would give you an amount of information that would justify you in saying that the boat was well finished, after being overhauled? A. Oh yes, certainly. I would not have it unless it was a good job.

Q. You found her seaworthy? A. Oh, yes she is a good sea boat.

Q. A. A good sea boat? A. Yes.

Q. And you did not dispose of her through any fault of the boat? A. Not at all.

Q. You are willing to take her back if the Government don't want her? A. Yes.

By Mr. MATHESON:—Q. When was she last inspected by the Government? A. Last summer.

Q. By Government inspection? A. Yes.

Q. When was the machinery last inspected? A. Last summer, I didn't know what date.

Q. While you still owned her? A. Yes, certainly. I don't know what they did after that.

Q. She was at work towing these mud scows out in connection with the dredging was she not last summer ? A. She was for a few days.

Q. What was she doing in 1898 ? Tied up to the wharf ? A. Not tied up to the wharf unless it was probably bad weather. We were busy with her all the time.

Q. Ever since you had her ? A. Yes.

Q. Where did you send her to when you had her ? A. I used her for my own business. Q. Where does it go ? A. Up to Pine Tree Harbor and along the North Shore I have sawmills.

Q. Your firm had saw-mills ? A. Yes.

Q. That is up along the north shore is it ? A. Yes.

Q. How far ? A. 40 or 45 miles.

Q. And was her work principally between Pine Tree and Southampton ? A. No, not principally ; I had to look after tan bark on St. Joseph's Island and all round the Georgian Bay.

GEORGE E. SMITH, Sworn :

By Mr. STRATTON : Q. Where do you reside ? A. Southampton.

Q. What is your occupation ? A. I am sub-collector of customs there.

Q. Are you a boat owner ? A. I am.

Q. What boats do you own ? A. I own the Lily.

Q. Do you know the Gilphie ? A. I do.

Q. Do you know her very well ? A. I do.

Q. Have you ever been on her ? A. I have.

Q. Did you ever run her ? A. Run her ?

Q. Yes ? A. Well I have handled her.

Q. I mean taken her out for a day ? A. Yes, I have.

Q. Have you any idea of the value of a boat and machinery ? A. Well, generally.

Q. Did you see the Gilphie since she was overhauled ? A. I did.

Q. Would you consider her in good condition when you saw her ? A. I would.

Q. Did you ever examine her engine and boiler ? A. I saw them constantly.

Q. You have seen them constantly. A. Yes, seen them constantly.

Q. Did you see the boat while she was being reconstructed ? A. I did.

Q. Did you see the material ? A. I did.

Q. Was the workmanship being well performed ? A. First class.

Q. So the material and workmanship were as good as could be found ? A. As good as could be got.

Q. With regard to the engine so far as you could see from general observation, had she a good cylinder ? A. Remember, I am no machine man.

Q. Speaking generally, from observation of the boat running, what would you say ?

A. She runs very nicely, very slick.

Q. She is not a "thumper" as they call it ? A. Oh no, she is very slick.

Q. What would you consider the boat to be worth ? A. When I heard they sold her for \$3,250, I thought they sold her too cheap.

Q. You thought they sold her too cheap. Would you dispose of her for \$3,250 ? A. I thought it was just the boat for this work—you know, first-class work.

Q. Were you ever out in the boat in a storm ? A. Several times.

Q. Was she seaworthy ? A. She was a beautiful little sea boat.

Q. Considering the Government purchased her for \$3,250 they purchased her cheap. A. I consider they got value for the money.

Q. You consider her worth more money? A. I do.

Q. Are you Liberal or Conservative? A. I have always been a Conservative.

By Mr. MATHESON: Q. You are at present under the Dominion Government? A. I am.

Q. What was your former occupation? A. A Steamboat man.

Q. What do you call a steamboat man? A. Well I owned steamboats all the time.

Q. For how many years? A. Well I guess I would have to go back perhaps 25 or 30 years.

Q. Did you ever own any boats beside the Lily Smith? A. Yes sir.

Q. What boats? A. I owned a couple of schooners and had a half interest in another one.

Q. The Lily Smith, did not Mr. Rhody build her? A. Yes.

Q. What did she cost? A. \$27,500.

Q. A large boat? A. Well she has got the very best machinery.

Q. She is not this class of boat? A. No she is 130 feet, for all she is a freight boat.

Q. She cost a good deal? A. That is what she cost. I am on my oath.

Q. I am not doubting your word? A. That is right.

Q. How do you come to know so much about the material in the Gilphie? A. Well its just a short piece from my office and I am down there every day. I knew the men, and I would go down twice, perhaps three times a week very often, while she was building, I know this man Rhody. It was me recommended him as being a first-class man. Then, too, from my being interested in boat building, I was down there twice, perhaps three times a week. I was there when they launched her.

Q. What are the engines like? A. Oh, speaking generally—I am not an engineer—the engines run nicely.

Q. How much pressure? A. Oh I could not tell you about the merits of the boiler.

Q. Ever on her at top speed? A. Oh, she was jogging along. I did not go and ask the engineers about the speed.

Q. You spoke about running her? A. Well, handling her. I hold master's papers.

Q. Do you know what speed she makes? A. She will make nine or ten miles.

Q. What is her ordinary speed under ordinary conditions? A. She will make that right along without any trouble or exertion; it all depends upon the engineer or fireman. He fires and runs the engine too. If he wanted to steam up he could jog off at ten miles without any trouble.

By Mr. BOWMAN.—Do you know anything about her boiler? A. I do not. I never heard the Government Inspector say anything about it.

WILLIAM EVANS, Sworn:

By Mr. STRATTON.—Q. What is your occupation? A. Steamboat Inspector for the Dominion Government.

Q. Where do you reside? A. Toronto.

Q. Did you ever make an inspection of this boat? A. I did.

By Mr. MATHESON.—Q. Have you got your report here? A. I did not know for what object I was called—I did not know what to bring.

By Mr. STRATTON.—Q. You inspected the hull of the boat? A. Yes, sir.

Q. What did you inspect her for? A. They wanted to carry a few passengers up along the coast, and I inspected her for that purpose.

Q. Did you give her a certificate? A. I did for 1896-97.

Q. 1896-97? A. Not since.

Q. For how many passengers ? A. Well, I cannot just remember. I think it was some number under forty.

By Mr. MATHESON.—Have you not got the report ? A. My books are not here. I did not know the object of my being called. I think though that I can tell you anything that is required from memory just as well as from my books. There are some things that I cannot remember, but they would not be of any importance.

By Mr. STRATTON.—Q. You inspected the boat with a view to giving her a license to carry passengers ? Yes, sir.

Q. What is necessary for that ? A. Well, she has got to comply with the requirements of the law as to safety ; that she must be in a safe condition. The hull must be sound and she must have all the appliances.

Q. She must be in a safe condition, the hull must be sound, and she must be equipped with all the necessary appliances ? A. Yes.

Q. Good machinery ? A. Well, that is under another party ; under another inspector.

By Mr. MATHESON.—Q. You are just the hull inspector ? A. I am just the hull inspector.

By Mr. STRATTON.—Did you see anything about the hull of this boat that was of an inferior nature ? A. No, I did not.

Q. Or unsafe ? A. If I did, I certainly should not have certificated her, if I thought she was unsafe.

By Mr. MATHESON.—Q. 1897 was the last year you inspected her ? A. Yes.

By Mr. STRATTON.—Q. Was that since she was rebuilt ? A. That was the year she was rebuilt. They changed her that spring, and I inspected the changes at that time.

RE CENTRAL PRISON INDUSTRIES.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE,

April 19, 1900.

JAMES NOXON, sworn :—

By Mr. MATHESON.—Q. Mr. Noxon, are you the Inspector in charge of the Central Prison Industries ? A. I am.

Q. Are they making binder twine there now ? A. They were ; I suppose they are to day.

Q. How much have they made since the 1st of January ? A. I cannot give you the quantity made of binder twine alone ; the whole spinning of twine and rope yarn I could give, but I have not got the statement with me.

Q. You have a general knowledge, have you not ? A. Yes, they have been spinning about three tons a day.

Q. Of what ? A. Of twine of some description, rope, yarn or binder twine.

Q. How much binder twine can you turn out in a day ? A. About four tons in a day of ten hours.

Q. Have they turned out ten tons since the 1st of January ? A. Really, I am not able to say without going into an analysis. We do not distinguish between binder twine and rope yarn. We charge so much per hundred pounds, irrespective of whether it be rope yarn or binder twine.

Q. You cannot say what they have turned out since January 1st—you are certain that they have turned out ten tons ? A. I am not certain without analyzing the accounts.

Q Who is the contractor of the twine ? A. The Independent Cordage Company.

Q Are they importing binder twine from the States ? A. That I do not know.

Q Who would know ? A. Only themselves, I fancy. I do not know, myself.

Q Have you been informed that they have been doing so ? A. No, I have not.

Q Is it not a matter of fact, Mr. Noxon, that they are ? A. I do not think they are importing at all from the States. I am only giving my opinion ; I have no knowledge.

Q You go in and look at their works ? A. I do, frequently.

Q Are they making rope from binder twine ? A. I cannot say they are, but I am led to believe they are.

Q Who pays for the rope-making machinery ? A. The Independent Cordage Company.

Q What arrangements have they with the Government ? A. The arrangement set out in the contract is that all that they produce in excess of two and a half tons a day is to be applied in reimbursing the company for the installation of the rope plant. Up to that amount we get absolutely, and it goes into the revenue of the Province. Anything over that goes to the company.

Q Who will own the plant at the end of the time ? A. The plant will then belong to the Government.

Q Is the $2\frac{1}{2}$ tons paid for the prison labor ? A. It is ; yes.

Q And the use of the machinery ? A. That is, our portion of the machinery ; the rope machinery being theirs, they do not pay us for the use of that.

Q How much did the rope machinery cost ? A. About \$30,000.

Q The agreement then is, as I understand you, that they in the first place pay for the rope machinery ? A. Yes.

Q I cannot understand exactly how they are paid back ? A. The contract calls for an output of four tons per day. Any quantity produced in excess of two and a half tons a day goes to reimburse the contractor for the installation of the rope machinery. Up to two and a half tons goes absolutely to the Government, and no part can be applied to reimburse the company. Any excess over the two and a half tons, as I have said, goes to reimburse the company for the installation of the plant.

By Mr. WARDELL.—Q. Is this machinery in the Government building ? A. Certainly.

Q It is owned by the Cordage Company ? A. Yes.

Q They still own it and will continue to own it ? A. Yes, proportionately, according as reimbursed.

By Mr. MATHESON.—Q. Do they supply the material ? A. Yes.

Q And up to $2\frac{1}{2}$ tons you get for prison labor ; over that the company gets to reimburse them for the plant ? A. Yes.

Q You have not got their contract with you ? A. It is printed in the Journals of the House.

Q Are they allowed interest on the balance of this money ? A. They are allowed interest on all that remains due after applying the amount they are entitled to be reimbursed under the terms of the contract.

Q If they fall short of 4 tons a day, the amount applied to reimburse would be less ? A. Yes, we do not allow them interest on any excess that may remain unreimbursed as a result of a shortage in the output as called for by the contract.

Q As a matter of fact, that does not happen ? A. We can hardly say until the end of the year.

Q What rate of interest are they allowed ? A. Six per cent.

Q As a matter of fact, the Government borrows \$30,000 and allows them six per cent. interest ? A. We do not borrow, even in a sense, because we are not liable.

Q. Money that would otherwise go to the Government goes for the payment of machinery ? A. Yes.

Q. The practical effect is that the Government is borrowing \$30,000 ? A. Not at all. If the company failed, the Province would not be under liability for the machinery.

Mr. WARDELL.—You have nothing to say as to operation of the plant ? A. Yes, we have something to say to the extent of 4 tons a day.

By Mr. MATHESON :—Q. Who can tell us where they get the binder twine they put into the rope ? A. None but themselves, I fancy.

Q. Are there marks on it ? A. I do not examine the marks.

Q. Can the book-keeper tell ? A. I do not know.

By Mr. WARDELL.—Q. Have you seen the yarn ? A. Yes.

Q. Have you seen the original package ? A. No. I have only seen the yarn on the floor. I have seen it as they emptied it from the packages. It comes from the factory in balls.

Q. And you cannot tell where any of the stock comes from ? A. Not the slightest idea except from the factory.

Q. Who are the members ? A. That I do not know.

Q. Do you know any of the members of it ? A. No.

Q. The President, or Vice-President or Secretary ? A. No.

Q. Are you a member ? A. I am not.

By Mr. MATHESON.—Q. Who is in charge of the work for them ? A. Really, I am scarcely able to say that. Mr. Bonnell was there.

Q. You do not seem to know very much about it ? A. No, as long as they carry out their contract, that is all I am concerned in.

Q. Are they making any rope yarn ? A. Yes.

Q. Have they made a ton since the 1st of January ? A. I think they have made more than a ton while I have been in the factory looking at it.

Q. Will you swear that they made more than a ton ? A. I get the returns as they come from the factory. They spin the yarn and a certain quantity is made into rope.

Q. I am told that they are importing binder twine free from the States and twisting it into rope yarn ? A. That may be the case ; I do not know it.

Q. You do not know it ? A. I have seen the report as you have seen it.

Q. Does not the rope pay 25 per cent. duty ? A. I do not know.

Mr. WARDELL.—Have you made any enquiries since seeing the report ? A. No. It is not any concern of ours.

By Mr. MATHESON.—Q. If a fraud is being committed on the Dominion in connection with the importing of twine, isn't it your duty to investigate ? A. No, I am there to investigate the work being done at the Prison.

Q. Of course it is not a fraud on Dominion in this way ; they can import binder twine. I do not see there is anything in the act to compel them to sell it to the farmers. As a matter of fact, you have seen them twisting binder twine into rope ? A. I have seen them making balls similar to binder twine into rope. It comes from the factory as rope yarn. I have seen it made into rope.

Q. I see a number of accounts here long overdue to the Industries. Why were not these collected ? A. You do not specify which particular account.

Q. Take the Massey-Harris Co., \$1,592, since 1895 ? A. That was for a special brand of Manila binder twine. We bought a certain grade or brand of good seconds, nice clean fibre, looked well, had every appearance of being first-class ; still it was only seconds. We made some of it into twine. It looked well and we thought it was all-right. The Massey Company were anxious to get as cheap twine as possible. After

they saw it, we made a contract to supply a large quantity. When it came to be put on the machine and went through the process of twisting it was short in the fibre and broke and gave a good deal of trouble. Everybody would pass it as being a good quality of twine, but the fibre had been too long exposed to the weather in curing and would not stand the action of tying on the machine and proved defective in that way. They came to us about it when they saw it was defective. They said it was giving a great deal of trouble to their agents, and also farmers, and I would not believe them. I thought it was still good twine, but they showed us so many complaints that we were disposed to admit its defect. It would cost more than it was worth to gather up the twine, then scattered among the agents and farmers all over the country, or we would willingly have taken it back. Then they claimed for some allowance. My own opinion is, they are entitled to some allowance. We were all deceived in the twine.

By Mr. REID.—Q. What was the price? A. Six cents a pound.

Q. What was the amount? A. Some thirty odd thousand dollars.

Q. Some of it was Central Prison brand? A. No, that was always kept up to standard quality. There was no complaint of it.

By Mr. MATHESON.—Q. This disputed account—thirty thousand is not the total amount? A. No, it is part.

Q. Isn't it a matter of twenty thousand, or somewhere about that? A. It is a matter of about \$27,500.

Q. Isn't it less than that? A. No. We made some manila hemp with a mixture of sisal, and some all pure. Central Prison pure is standard quality; there is no discount on that.

Q. I see an item in the statement handed me by you of 107,000 pounds, \$10,248. They did not put any reduction on that? A. It is on the two brands. There are three different qualities of twine. One is Central Prison pure manila; other pure manila, and other mixed brand. Central Prison pure manila is good twine.

Q. They do not claim anything on the pure manila? A. Yes, it is pure manila, though seconds. It is still pure manila, but not Central Prison pure manila brand. It was what we call high-grade manila.

Q. That was sold to them in 1895? A. I believe 1895.

Q. And they made a payment in December, 1895, did they? A. Yes, a payment was made. I do not know whether they did not make payments earlier than that. In December, 1895, there was \$25,000 paid, and another cheque in 1896 for \$3,000.

Q. Since then nothing? A. Nothing.

Q. Have you attempted to collect the balance? A. Yes.

Q. When? A. I am constantly endeavoring. They say they are willing to pay but claim they are entitled to some reduction.

Q. Do they ask to have the whole rubbed off? A. They would ask anything, but never seriously.

Q. Surely in five years you ought to have got that account settled? A. I think they could not get their account settled up with their agents; but hoped that eventually we would be able to get the whole amount.

Q. Is it not a matter of fact that this firm have, on account of the aid they gave the Government in the elections, asked that the account should be knocked off? A. No, not a bit of it. It is not so.

By Mr. WARDELL.—Q. Especially in Brantford? A. I could have taken a large part of that account, but was not willing to accept it without the whole, having no authority to make a reduction.

Q. Have they made any offer? A. They have said if we made a discount of about three per cent. on this whole account they would pay the balance.

Q. Isn't the account run out? A. No. I am advised the statute of limitations does not apply to the Crown.

By Mr. STRATTON.—Q. Are they not anxious to get the matter settled? A. Yes.

Q. Have they not been negotiating recently? A. They have.

By Mr. MATHESON.—Q. They want about a thousand dollars off? A. No, not that much.

Q. Three per cent. would be a thousand? A. About \$900.

Q. Did they return the binder twine said to be damaged? A. No, it is scattered through the country among the farmers.

Q. They got it? A. Yes, from us.

By Mr. STRATTON.—Q. Was not their contention that if no disputes had arisen with their customers over the inferiority of this twine, no allowance would have had to be made in obtaining a settlement for it? A. Certainly.

Q. And they are asking the reduction on account of the loss to themselves from defects that they were not aware of when they sold the twine? A. Certainly.

Q. Have they shown any statement showing their loss? A. They have shown a lot of letters.

Q. No statement? A. No, I have not seen any statement.

By Mr. WARDELL.—Q. Did they ask you to make the twine in the first place? A. Yes.

Q. And then refused to pay? A. We represented, and they believed, we were making a good merchantable twine.

Q. They knew all about it and I do not see why they are not obliged to carry it out? A. If a merchantable twine.

By Mr. STRATTON.—Q. How was the twine shipped to them? A. I think we loaded direct in the cars at the prison, and consigned to their orders.

Q. They did not have an opportunity of inspecting it day by day? A. Large quantities they never saw at all.

By Mr. MATHESON.—Have you or the Government offered to take half the account? A. I have made no offer. I cannot say what the Government has done. I want the whole amount.

Q. You think the Government could get the whole amount? A. I think they are disposed to deal fairly in the matter, as between man and man, and to make some allowance, if shown they were entitled to it.

Q. Although they do not show any statement? A. I think they would be glad to show a statement, if assured the whole amount of loss would be allowed.

Q. I think you had better get a statement before next year? A. I will do the best I can, you may be sure.

Mr. WARDELL.—I think you ought to sue. A. If we did, I think we would be nonsuited.

By Mr. MATHESON.—Q. There is another considerable amount on the statement, Bowman, Kennedy & Co., \$390.35, incurred in 1895? A. They got some of the same twine.

Q. Are they making any claim of this sort? A. Certainly, the same claim. They say they should have a great deal more.

Mr. BOYD.—Q. Have they ever returned any of it? A. Yes, we took it back off their hands.

By Mr. REID (Addington).—Q. Have you any way of testing it, whether it will tie a knot or not? A. No.

Q. It may be done? A. Yes.

Q. That would be a most important thing to do? A. We did not anticipate anything of that kind.

Q. That is where the whole trouble is--tying the knot? A. Yes, that is the difficulty.

By Mr. MATHESON.—Q. The Independent Cordage Company still owe a balance. How long has that been owing? A. It is since last year. They pay on the 20th of each month.

Q. There is no dispute about that? A. Not that I am aware of.

Q. I would like to ask about a few more? A. I would be glad to give you any information.

Mr. MATHESON.—I don't want to publish these people's names.

By Mr. WARDELL.—Q. I am not afraid. Who is Bowman, Kennedy & Co.? A. Hardware dealers in London.

Q. What is the matter with the Dennis Wire Company's account? A. They are insolvent.

Q. What about L. L. Stewart? A. It is being reduced.

Q. It is being paid very gradually then? A. The account has been reduced and the prospect is good.

Q. Who is James Massie? A. Former Warden. He claims he has got some good claim against the Government for some patent or something of that sort. At any rate he objects to paying. I have investigated it myself.

Q. Do you allow all these accounts to stand like this? A. No, we try to collect them.

Q. Would you conduct your own business that way? Why don't you sue? A. I think we might have difficulty in realizing on the judgment.

Q. Why don't you take it out of his pay? Was he not in the employ of the Government? A. This is since then.

Q. When did he leave the Government? A. I think in 1896. This account was incurred for some old carpets, carpets many years in use. He thought he could make use of them in his new home. We sold them to him.

Q. You were very glad to get rid of them for nothing? A. We have not been able to collect the amount.

Q. Why don't you get the money first? A. I may say my orders were he was to pay cash on delivery, but he got the stuff and didn't pay the cash.

Q. Who is T. F. Chamberlain? A. He is the Inspector.

Q. What is the matter with him? A. He has paid his account.

Q. Who is the Preston named here? A. He was the former Librarian.

Q. What is the matter with him? A. Not able to collect the account. Said he was hard up, willing enough, but not able to.

Q. Did you ask him when he was in the House the other day? A. No, I did not see him.

Q. How much does he owe? A. \$144.

Q. Since when? A. Since 1891.

Q. And never able to pay anything since then? A. No.

Q. And he was in the employ of the Government since then till last year? A. We couldn't get it.

Q. Is that the way the Department has been managed? A. That is the best I can do.

Q. Does the Provincial Secretary know that? A. I don't know.

By Mr. MATHESON.—Q. Have you sold any twine to the farmers this year? A. Yes.

Q. How much? A. A small quantity actually delivered; we have quite a large number of orders.

Q. How much has been delivered? A. About 150 pounds—one order.

Q. How much was delivered last year to the farmers direct? A. The return was made to the House—about 300 pounds, I think.

Q. When did you first begin making binder twine at the Central? A. In 1893, I think.

Q. Did you ship twine then out to the farmers? A. We did, yes.

Q. In considerable quantities? A. Yes.

Q. Direct from the Prison? A. Yes.

Q. Is it not a matter of fact that large amounts are owing on those shipments? A. Not a dollar; not a cent piece. All you see owing is here. We got the cash for it all before it left the Prison.

Q. Everyone of them? A. Certainly, in every case.

By Mr. WARDELL.—Q. What was this account of Preston's incurred for? A. Some bricks he got at the Prison yards.

Q. What was he doing with bricks? Building something? A. It was before my time.

By Mr. MATHESON.—Q. Do you pay for any Foreman in connection with the Rope Works? A. The Mechanical Superintendent—we pay half his salary.

Q. What is his name? A. Daly.

Q. You pay half his salary? A. Yes.

Q. Is that the only man? Do you pay any instructor in connection with rope? A. We have the guards. We pay guards, not instructors.

Q. Are any of these, Lundy, Sweetman or Scott, in the Public Accounts in connection with the Rope Works? A. These are in the wood-working department.

Q. How is it worked, by contract? A. No, direct by the Government.

Q. How is it you charge the gardens to the industries? A. How? I don't know of any good reason why we should. We supply plants and flowers on requisition, and we charge for them, and make it a source of revenue to some extent—the gardens and greenhouses.

Q. Do you sell flowers? A. Yes, some; and plants some.

Q. I think it should be charged against salaries? A. We get some revenue from it.

Q. The same man is gardener out here, around the Parliament Buildings? A. Yes.

Q. He gets \$775 charged against him in the Prison? A. Yes.

Q. \$250 more here? A. Yes.

By Mr. STRATTON.—I would like to inform the Committee that Mr. Preston has been written to since he came to the city this week, stating that this account must be paid immediately.

By Mr. MATHESON.—Q. Can you collect an account like that? A. Yes. I think Preston when building his house went to extravagance. The account should have been paid; there is no question about that.

By Mr. STRATTON.—Q. Do you know whether the Statute of Limitations applies? A. I have been advised that it does not apply against the Crown.

Q. The Whitby Ladies College are willing to pay their accounts, are they not? A. They are paying. It is a running account. They are paying and at the same time their College is being rapidly enlarged.

By Mr. MATHESON.—Q. Do you go over this statement that is published in the Public Accounts of the Central Prison Industries? A. I don't know that I go over it in that form. I fancy it goes through my hands.

Q. Who decides the amount to be paid to the Treasury? A. It is decided by the books. What they show the earnings have been. That decides the amount to be paid.

Q. As a matter of fact you paid over \$18,000, that is \$8,000 more than you had on hand? A. Yes. Still there are large amounts owing to the Industries.

Q. It is a matter of book-keeping of course between you and the Treasurer? A. Not so much between the Treasurer and us.

Q. You don't send a cheque? A. Yes.

Q. Do you keep a separate bank account? A. Yes, certainly.

Q. Who pays for this \$10,000 overdraft? A. We do, with the money that is owing to the Central Prison Industries.

Q. The amount was \$10,491 on the 30th September? A. The amount is up to the 31st December. We don't claim to have paid it on 30th September; it is to the close of the year.

Q. Then this amount is wrong? A. No, not wrong.

Q. It says "Paid for the year ending 30th September, 1899, \$18,000," and the result of paying that is that the Industries are \$10,000 in debt? A. We have an overdraft.

Q. Does the bank draw interest? A. Yes.

Q. What rate? A. $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. or 4.

Mr. STRATTON.—That overdraft is against the accounts due the Prison.

By Mr. MATHESON—Q. Why make an overdraft that you may be able to pay money to the Treasurer? Is he so hard up? A. We are not relying upon the Treasurer but upon the Industries. If we have \$15,000 or \$20,000 due us in 30 days we make an overdraft to pay the Treasurer before the close of the year.

Q. And in the meantime the bank draws interest? A. Yes.

Q. Do you think that is a proper system? A. I think so.

Q. Well I don't? A. I think it is a proper system.

Q. The idea of giving the Treasurer a cheque for \$12,000 more than you have. A. Certainly we have the resources to pay for it.

Mr. HARTY.—Q. There are times when you have money to your credit? A. Yes.

Q. There are other times when you have none? A. Yes.

By Mr. WARDELL.—Q. What about George Wheeler's account since 1889, \$665? A. At the time he was bursar of the Central Prison; he got brick from the brick-yard to build a house. After that, for what cause I do not know, he was not continued as bursar. The salary he had been getting as bursar was thus cut off, and he has not since been able to pay the whole account, although he did pay a portion of it. It has been gradually reduced and this year considerably reduced. He is under promise to make a speedy reduction in it.

Q. Is he in the employ of the Government now? A. Yes.

Q. What does he do? A. I think he is in the Registrar-General's Department.

Q. What was the amount of the original account? A. Between seven and eight hundred dollars.

Q. Has he been in the employ of the Government ever since? A. Yes in one way or another.

Q. And all he has paid is less than \$100 in ten years? A. Yes.

Q. Do you call that a very considerable reduction? A. After he left the position of bursar he received but a very small salary. He still owes the sum of \$665 which he is gradually paying.

Q. How much did he pay last year? A. \$50.

Q. Did you see it? A. Yes, the cheque passed through my own hands.

By Mr. REID (Addington).—Q. Were the bricks sold to him? A. Yes, I believe so.

Q. He did not go and take them himself? A. No, not at all. He made a requisition the same as anybody else.

By the CHAIRMAN.—Q. This was before your time? A. Yes.

By Mr. HARTY.—Q. These bricks were not such as would be taken by anybody else? A. No, and still we could not give them for nothing. The regular trade would not take them.

J. O. ANDERSON, SWORN:

By Mr. MATHESON.—What is your name? A. John O. Anderson.

Q. Do you go through the Works at the Central Prison? A. Occasionally.

Q. You do not go as a matter of duty, I suppose? A. No.

Q. Do you know as a matter of fact whether this Independent Cordage Company are importing binder twine? A. I knew nothing about it.

Q. What system have you of keeping the books? What books do you keep? A. The principal books are the journals, ledger, and cash-book.

Q. What sort of account do you keep of the Cordage Company? A. The returns are made once a week of the manufacture of cordage, and once a month the entry is made and charged up against the account rendered of the quantity manufactured.

Q. What returns have they made of binder twine since 1st January? A. There is no special account kept. The returns made are simply the number of tons of cordage. I have no way of knowing whether it is binder twine or rope.

Q. It may be either one of them? A. Yes.

Q. How does the account stand for the purchase of machinery? When was it bought? A. I have no knowledge of that.

Q. Don't your books shew it? A. There has been no entry made in my books.

Q. With reference to the purchase of machinery? A. Yes.

Q. Was it bought last year? A. Yes, I know that of my own knowledge, from seeing it installed.

Q. So as far as you know there is no entry yet in payment of machinery? A. No entries should be made until the Inspector has approved of it and certified to the correctness of the account, and this I have not had yet.

Q. You have no item whatever in connection with machinery? A. No. At the time of the purchase certain entries were made regarding the quantity, $2\frac{1}{2}$ tons, to be debited to the account. The quantity made over $2\frac{1}{2}$ tons a day goes to the company.

Q. Does the return show more than that a day? A. During last year up to 1st January it did.

Q. Can you speak of the time since then? A. I think it has been over that but I cannot speak positively without the accounts. That is my recollection.

Q. Did you make out this return of the amounts owing? A. It was made from my books, I believe.

Q. Did you make it up? A. I did not make it up. I dictated it to the stenographer.

PREVENTING EXPORT OF LOGS.

C. H. SPROULE, SWORN:

By Mr. MATHESON.—Q. You are the Provincial Auditor, Mr. Sproule? A. Yes.

Q. I have here, Mr. Sproule, John Sullivan's account. Will you kindly look at it and say what it is for? A. It is for service, for special work in connection with the preventing of the export of logs.

Q. How much does he charge? A. \$5 per day.

Q. From what date to what date? A. April 21 to September 20.

Q. 1899? A. Yes, sir.

Q. How much does that come to? A. \$765 for 153 days.

Q. How much for expenses? A. \$843.55.

Q. And that covers Sundays, and every day between these two dates does it not?

A. Yes, I suppose. Of course that business is usually done by one of my assistants

Q. That includes Sundays? A. Yes.

Q. Do you ask any questions about an account like that? A. Certainly.

Q. Would you object to a point like that? A. Yes, I am continually looking up that very point. I don't see how it was passed in this case. We always insist upon their declaring whether Sundays are to be allowed or not.

Q. Apart from that, do you enquire as to the authority for his appointment and the rate of pay he is to get? A. Well, there is much latitude allowed the Department of Crown Lands in the appointment of their officials owing to the nature of their services. We bring the point up when we think it is a special point. It would be better, Colonel Matheson, in a point of this kind, if the Committee would give me notice and then I could prepare and have it all in a nutshell. We have lots of correspondence dealing with the point as to whether payments should be made on Sunday. I remember objecting often to this. We deal with all these points from a business standpoint, and whenever it is thought advisable to make enquiries I do. We only look at it, therefore, from the business standpoint.

Q. It is surprising that a man like Sullivan should put in a bill for so many days. It looks as if they wanted to give him so many dollars. Are part of his expenses for coming to Toronto? A. I may have correspondence covering some of these matters. I don't know. In the matter of expenses, that is a matter of administration of the Department. If an officer sends in a document properly approved of, and there are no exceptional items in it, of course it is not the duty of the auditor to go beyond that.

Q. As a matter of fact, part of the expenses are for travelling to Toronto? A. He first starts from Toronto, and goes to the Sault.

Q. Does he come to Toronto again? A. Yes, he comes back eventually. He seems to be at different places.

By Mr. STRATTON.—Q. Are you acquainted with the practice of the Crown Lands Department with regard to officials of this nature? Are you aware that they keep a diary, that each official is compelled to keep a diary and make his return to the Crown Lands Department of each day? A. I did not know it was compulsory; I knew it was a general custom.

Q. Not aware that they were absolutely compelled? A. No, as long as we get accounts which we find appear fair, business-like, we don't go beyond that.

Q. And approved by the officials of the Department? A. Yes.

Q. Are you aware that it is the custom of all Governments, Dominion and Provincial, Quebec, Manitoba, throughout the Dominion, that all governments pay their explorers, and special servants such as this for Sundays? A. I cannot say anything definite on that point.

Q. You don't know? A. No, it would be altogether a matter of local custom.

Q. On a special business such as Mr. Sullivan was apparently sent to protect, he would require to be on the watch and on his guard on Sunday as well as any other day of the week to prevent the exportation of these logs? A. Well, presumably; of course I cannot tell now.

Q. This is evidence that should come from the Department? A. Yes, certainly. The question of Sundays is almost invariably raised in the passing of such an account as this; and I presume it was a view of that sort through which we passed the account as it stands.

By Mr. MATHESON.—Q. Of course you have read Mr. McDougall's report at Ottawa ?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you understand that he goes at considerable length in the direction of which I speak, in asking for authority in checking an account ? A. I do not know that he goes any further than we do here. We do a great deal of which you know nothing about.

Q. Looking again at Sullivan's account : he got \$400 on it last year, didn't he ? A. Yes.

Q. And the balance in January of this year ? A. Yes.

How much was that altogether ? A. \$443.55

Q. On the 16th January ? A. Yes.

Q. Will you look at this account (producing document); whose is it ? A. George Lawrence.

Q. What is the total amount of his account ? A. \$110.

Q. Is that for preventing the export of logs ? A. Yes, the same as the other.

Q. Where does he start from ? Does he start from Oshawa ? A. Apparently so. Oshawa back to Oshawa.

Q. And he goes home to Oshawa at the end ? A. Yes.

Q. Does he go up to Webbwood and Spanish River on the Georgian Bay ? A. Yes.

Q. In a case like that, would you ask why a man was sent from the County of Ontario away up to Georgian Bay to look after the prevention of the export of logs ? A. I would not ask why a man was sent from Oshawa to do a duty, but I occasionally ask why his expenses should be paid from such a point. This is naturally the main feature of the case so far as this account goes.

Q. You do not go into the question of his qualifications at all ? A. No, not at all.

Q. How much was paid him for travelling from Oshawa to the Georgian Bay, and on the trip back—these two trips ? A. Expenses ?

Q. Yes. A. \$22. He is paid \$82 for services.

Q. Who audits these Central Prison accounts ? A. We audit the accounts.

Q. Of course you do not look over the disbursements ? A. I send one of my assistants out occasionally. He reports.

Mr. REID (Addington). How is it Lawrence only gets \$2 a day and Sullivan \$5 for the same work ? A. That is a matter of the administration of the Department. The Department is responsible for that.

By: Mr. MATHESON.—As a matter of fact, this man Lawrence gets \$2 and Sullivan \$5 ? A. Yes.

Q. I understand from what the Provincial Secretary says he was a laborer ? A. If there was anything unreasonable in the account I would write to the Department for information.

Q. I would like to see the Provincial Auditor exercise his authority perhaps a little more than he does. Perhaps he does it a little more than I know of now ? A. Perhaps I do.

Q. Do you direct the Central Prison accounts—what books shall be kept ? A. Some years ago I visited all the institutions and arranged to have a general system adopted, regular uniform cash book, and all that sort of thing, in order that we might audit the accounts properly.

Q. Whom do you send to the Central Prison ? Do you send any of your clerks at random ? A. No, Mr. Wood undertakes that part.

Q. Anyone besides him ? A. No.

By Mr. HARTY.—Q. No member of the Government ever said he was responsible

for improper expenditures? A. I am willing to take the responsibility for improper expenditures from a business standpoint. I am quite willing to meet any charge on that account.

Q. Do you think \$5 a day too much for Sullivan? A. There are distinctions to be drawn as to who is responsible for this account. The auditor may be responsible in certain directions, but in other directions the Department alone can be blamed.

By Mr. MATHESON.—Q. Have you been going over the Central Prison books lately at all? A. We try to do it quarterly as laid down in the Act.

Q. Are you satisfied with the way they are kept? We are satisfied with the correctness of the keeping. We have nothing to do with the administration. We may find fault sometimes with the way they are kept.

Q. Do you think they are kept in a clear way, in a way that is perfectly satisfactory to you as an auditor? A. Certainly, we insist upon having them kept in a way that we can get to the bottom of everything.

Q. Are they so kept? I think so. If there was anything that was not clear, it would be for me to look into it.

Q. Do you know anything about the purchase of machinery for rope making? A. That is out of the auditor's jurisdiction.

Q. Mr. Noxon gives us the information that it should come under you to a certain extent? A. How?

Q. Because the Government are undertaking to pay back a certain amount? A. I do not propose to take any responsibility for the carrying out of that.

Q. So far it has not been brought under your notice? A. So long as the bill for the machinery is brought in —

Q. I understand that the Government made a certain allowance when this company bought the machinery, and the Government makes a certain allowance to them yearly, the result of which would be that at the end of the time the Government would own the machinery. In the meantime, they are allowed 6 per cent. on the money invested. Does that come under your supervision as to whether an improper amount was allowed? A. All important matters I would prefer to look into; it is hardly a question to answer now.

Q. I am not pressing you. A. I cannot discuss that point now. I would rather have a chance to look into it.

COLONIZATION ROAD EXPENDITURE.

Mr. HENRY SMITH, Superintendent of Colonization Roads, sworn:

By Mr. MATHESON.—Q. Have you got the statement which was asked for in regard to Colonization Roads? A. I have got the Commissioner's report.

Q. Have you a statement as to the ridings? A. It is not ready yet.

Q. Never mind, you know the ridings in which the colonization roads are situated? A. Pretty well. I know most of them, but in some cases they run into different constituencies.

Q. Never mind. If you are not sure of any you can look over the transcript of the reporter's notes and correct them afterwards. Now turn to page 236 of the Public Accounts. I am going to take up the colonization roads in succession and ask you in what ridings they are located? Where is the Addington Road, expenditure \$527.30? A. The Addington Road runs through Addington county and a portion of the south riding of Renfrew. This expenditure last year was made in South Renfrew.

Q. Take the Ah Mic Road, expenditure \$206.18? A. That is in Parry Sound.

Q. And the Ah Mic Harbor Bridge, \$299.85? A. That is in Parry Sound also.

Q. Where is the Airy Township Road, \$400? A. That is in Nipissing.

Q. And the Alderson Road, \$130? A. The Alderson road is in East Algoma.

Q. Where is the Anson Road, \$200? A. I think it is in East Victoria.

Q. Where is the Anstruther Road, \$311.54? A. That is in East Peterborough.

Q. And the Anstruther, Burleigh and Chandos Road, \$402.40? A. These are all in East Peterborough.

Q. Where is the Ashdad and Renfrew Road, \$32? A. That is in South Renfrew. It is a small balance from last year and so is the following one, Ashdad and Mount St. Patrick Road.

Q. What ridings are they in? A. South Renfrew.

Q. The amounts are \$32 and \$45.10? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Where is the Atwood Road, \$780? A. That is in West Algoma, in the Rainy River district.

Q. What about the Balfour and Rayside Road, \$507.49? A. That is in East Algoma.

Q. And the Banger 15 and 16 Road, \$17.50? A. That is a small balance.

Q. Is that in North Hastings? A. I will have to see about that.

Q. The Barrie Island Road, \$200? A. That is in East Algoma.

Q. And the Batchewaning Road, \$201? A. In East Algoma.

Q. The Baxter Roads, \$541,562? A. They are in Muskoka.

Q. Beatty's Creek Bridge, \$335.53? A. It is in Parry Sound.

Q. Bethune, 25 and 26 S. L. Road, \$300.59? A. Parry Sound.

Q. Belmont and Meyersburg Road, \$200? A. I would not be sure. I know it runs into East Peterborough and is in East Northumberland.

Q. Bonfield and Boulton Road, \$400.61? A. That is in Nipissing.

Q. Bruce Mines and Thessalon River Bridges, \$59? A. East Algoma.

Q. Bridges at Dryden, \$204.18? A. West Algoma.

Q. Brudenell and Hagarty Road, \$380? A. That is in South Renfrew.

Q. Buntin's Creek Bridge, \$799.52? A. That is in West Algoma.

Q. Buckhorn Road, \$402.58? A. That is in West Peterborough.

Q. Burleigh Road (Smith, \$225?) A. West Peterborough also.

Mr. STRATTON.—It is really in East Peterborough.

By Mr. MATHESON.—Then Burleigh Road again, and Bethune, Burleigh Falls, and Apsley, \$301.74? A. East Peterborough.

Q. Burt River Bridges, etc., \$507.79? A. In East Victoria.

Q. Campbell, etc., S. L. Road, \$310.59? A. That is in East Algoma.

Q. Carpenter Road, \$761.85? A. Rainy River District, West Algoma.

Q. Carpenter and Dobie Road, \$798.50? A. That is also West Algoma.

Q. Carpenter and Lask Road, \$780, and \$15? A. That is in West Algoma.

Q. Cardwell Road, \$405? A. That is in Muskoka.

Q. Cardwell No. 3 Road, \$209.43? A. That would be Muskoka also.

Q. Caldwell No. 2 Road, \$400? A. Caldwell No. 2 is in Nipissing.

Q. Calvin 30 and 31 S. L. Road, \$304.83? A. Nipissing.

Q. Cardiff Bridge and Road, \$774.58? A. East Victoria.

Q. Carlaw 5 and 6 Con. Road, \$52.92? A. North Hastings.

Q. Carlaw Road, \$101.18? A. North Hastings.

Q. Cashel Road, \$150? A. I will have to supply that Hastings.

Q. Casimer Tp. Road, \$431.90, is next in Nipissing? A. Yes, that is in Nipissing.

- Q. Cavendish Roads, \$505.63 ? A. West Peterborough.
 Q. Chaffey 30 and 31 S. L. Road, \$403.92 ? A. It is either in Muskoka.
 Q. Christie Road, \$500 ? A. Christie is in Parry Sound.
 Q. Christie and Foley Road, \$247.50 ? A. In Parry Sound.
 Q. Chaffey Bridges and Road, \$250 and \$50, would be Parry Sound also, would it not ? A. I think it is in Muskoka.
 Q. Chandois Roads, \$200.87 ? A. East Peterborough.
 Q. Chisholm Tp. Roads, \$1,200.65 ? A. Nipissing.
 Q. Cockburn Island Roads, \$270 ? A. East Algoma.
 Q. Coffin 3 and 4 Road, \$302.49 ? A. Also East Algoma.
 Q. Combermere and Palmer Rapids Road, \$416.65 ? A. South Renfrew.
 Q. Crozier and Lask Road, \$1,685.85 ? A. West Algoma.
 Q. Day and Thessalon Road, \$100.01 ? A. That is East Algoma.
 Q. Day Mills Bridge, \$50 ? A. East Algoma.
 Q. Dean Lake Road, \$50 ? A. East Algoma.
 Q. Devlin Road, \$800 ? A. West Algoma.
 Q. Distress River Road, \$296.75 ? A. Parry Sound.
 Q. Dorset and Huntsville Road, \$416.10, is that in Muskoka ? A. Yes, it is in Muskoka.
 Q. Draper Road, \$212.63 ? A. I think that is Muskoka.
 Q. Dummer Road, \$96.11 ? A. East Peterborough.
 Q. Echo Bay Road, \$298.58 ? A. That is in East Algoma.
 Q. Eaganville and Frymount Road, \$299.70 ? A. South Renfrew.
 Q. Eldon 7 Con. Road, \$21.25 ? A. West Victoria.
 Q. Eton and Sanford, \$777.91 ? A. That is West Algoma.
 Q. Ferris Tp. Road, \$830.28 ? A. Nipissing.
 Q. Field Road, \$498.21 ? A. Nipissing.
 Q. Field No. 2 Road, \$414 ? Nipissing.
 Q. Field No. 2 & 3, \$601.75 ? A. Nipissing.
 Q. Frymount and Brudenell, \$313.45 ? A. South Renfrew.
 Q. Fort Stewart Road, \$50 ? A. North Hastings.
 Q. Fox Point Road, \$155.58 ? A. I am not quite sure; I must supply that information.
 Q. Frontenac Road, \$50 ? A. It is in Addington.
 Q. Galbraith, con. 1 and bridge, \$90 ? A. East Algoma.
 Q. Galbraith, 2 & 3 Con. Road, \$100 ? A. East Algoma.
 Q. Galway Roads, \$475 ; Galway, 4 and 5 Road, \$375 ; Galway and Cavendish Roads \$433.37 ? A. West Peterborough.
 Q. Golden Valley Road, \$508.51 ? A. Parry Sound.
 Q. Grattan, 30 and 31, and Croft Line Road, \$301.90 ? A. That is in South Renfrew.
 Q. Grattan 4th, Chute and 14th Con. Road, \$300, that would be the same ? A. Yes sir.
 Q. Great Northern Road, \$300.61 ? A. East Algoma.
 Q. Gurd Road, \$298.87 ? A. Parry Sound.
 Q. Hagarman, 25 & 26 S.L. Road, \$300 ? A. I think it is in Parry Sound, yes.

Q. Hagarty, 2 Con. Road, \$205.86, and Hagarty and S. Algoma Road \$21.15 ? A. South Renfrew.

Q. Hurlburn Road, \$180 ? A. It is in East Victoria, I think, yes.

Q. Himsworth Road, \$300 ? A. That is in Parry Sound.

Q. Hinchinbrooke, 5 & 6 S L. Road, \$251 69 ? A. That is in Addington.

Q. Hagel Road, \$300 ? A. That is in Nipissing.

Q. Hagel and Badgerow Road, \$500.25 ? A. Nipissing.

Q. Humphrey and Conger, S.L. Road, \$404.14 ? A. It is in Parry Sound.

Q. Hyde's Chute and Sanson Road, \$718.22 ? A. I am almost positive that is in South Renfrew, yes.

Q. Indian Point Bridge, \$1,892. A. East Algoma.

Q. C. F. Aylsworth, Inspection, \$1,350. Where did he act as inspector ? A. In the greater part of what we call the eastern division. It includes Addington, Frontenac, North and South Renfrew and part of Nipissing.

Q. John F. Boyd, on account, \$1,000. Where does he inspect ? A. Largely for East Algoma.

Q. He lives at the Sault ? A. He lives at Thessalon.

Q. M. Lounsbury, \$1,211. Where does he act ? A. For part of Nipissing, the Peterboroughs and Victoria, and sometimes away up to Temiscamingue.

Q. Jno. McCracken, \$504.45. Where does he act ? He has been working largely in the Temiscamingue district, and also in Nipissing.

Q. And J. A. Tierney, \$500 ? A. He is in West Algoma and the Rainy River district largely.

Q. J. D. Simpson, \$1,085 ? A. Simpson inspects mostly what we called the western division—Muskoka and Parry Sound, portion of Nipissing and other Canadian points where it is most convenient to send him.

Q. Iron bridge approach, \$90 ? A. Oh, that is in East Algoma ; approach to a large bridge there.

Q. And the item Iron Bridge, and Deer Lake Station Road, \$23.75 is the same I suppose. A. Yes, that is the same.

Q. Isbester Station Road, \$501.34 ? A. That is in East Algoma.

Q. Jack's Lake Road, \$200 ? A. It is in Burleigh, East Peterborough.

Q. Jones' Falls and Battersea Road, \$201.10 ? A. I think it is in Leeds.

Q. Junction No. 2 Road, \$411.50 ? A. That is in Parry Sound.

Q. Kaministiquia Bridge, \$194 ? A. That is in West Algoma.

Q. Keewatin Bridge, \$800 ? A. That is in West Algoma.

Q. Killaloe and Bonnechere Road, \$234.10 ? A. South Renfrew.

Q. Killaloe and Emmet Road, \$411.23 ? A. I think that is in South Renfrew.

Q. Kirkpatrick and McPherson, \$600.77 ? A. That is in Nipissing.

Q. Korah 10 and 11 Road, \$90 ? A. East Algoma.

Q. Also the Korah Road, \$400 ? A. Yes sir.

Q. Lake Wolsely Road, \$300.57 ? A. East Algoma on Manitoulin Island.

Q. Lee's Road and Scow Spanish River, \$499.38 ? A. East Algoma.

Q. Long Lake Bridge, \$350.05 ? A. That is in Muskoka.

Q. Lonsdale and Bridgewater Road \$150 ? A. That is in the Township of Hungerford, East Hastings.

Q. Loughboro' Lake Road, \$516.19, that is in Frontenac ? A. Well I would not be perfectly sure, I think it is myself.

Q. Lyndoch 13 Con Road, \$180, is that not in Renfrew? A. In South Renfrew I think.

Q. Lyon's Creek Bridge, and Shortreed's Creek Bridge, \$1,150? A. They are in West Algoma.

Q. Madawaska Bridge, \$250.15? A. That is in Nipissing.

Q. Manitawaning and Sheguiandah Road, \$311.50? A. East Algoma.

Q. Macaulay Road, \$403.92? A. That is in Muskoka.

Q. Magnetawan River Bridge, \$751.19? A. Parry Sound.

Q. Maitland Township Road, \$549.50? A. That is in Nipissing.

Q. Mattawatchan Road, \$396.25? A. South Renfrew.

Q. Mattawa Township Road, \$104.50? A. That is in Nipissing.

Q. May and Salter Road, \$400.31? A. That is in East Algoma.

Q. Mills and Wilson Road, \$494.50? A. Parry Sound.

Q. Mississippi Road, \$490.66? A. That is in Addington.

Q. Mississippi Road, \$100.50? A. That was in the Township of Palmerston.

Q. Mississippi Road (Snow), \$517.24? A. That is in Frontenac.

Q. Where was this particular expenditure? A. It was in two different places. The first Mississippi expenditure was in Frontenac. Then there is \$100.50 Brinson to Bancroft, but was in Hastings.

Q. Then the Mississippi (Snow) Road is in? A. Frontenac.

Q. Monck Road (Faraday), \$203.60? A. That is in North Hastings.

Q. Monteagle road, \$151.50 and \$9.90? A. North Hastings.

Q. Morley Township Road, \$780? A. West Algoma.

Q. Morley and Pattullo Road, \$680? A. West Algoma.

Q. Morley and Shenston Road, \$800.97? A. West Algoma.

Q. Mudge Bay Road, \$302? A. East Algoma.

Q. Muskoka Road, Gurd, \$201.20? A. Parry Sound.

Q. Muskoka Bridge, Draper, \$300? A. That is in Muskoka, I am sure.

Q. Musquosh Road, \$301.18? Is that in Algoma? A. No it is in Muskoka.

Q. Musquosh Bridge, \$22.19, the same? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Mount St. Patrick and Blackdonald Road, \$301.53? A. That is South Renfrew.

Q. Mackenzie Township Roads, \$599.55? A. I think that is in Parry Sound, Yes.

Q. Neville Road, \$202.75? A. That is in Parry Sound.

Q. Nipissing Road, \$502? A. Parry Sound.

Q. Nogies Creek Road, \$400.38? A. West Peterborough.

Q. North West Road Bridges, \$378.16? A. Parry Sound.

Q. Northern Road, and Maple and Pickerel Bridges, \$150.16? A. Parry Sound.

Q. North Algoma 8 Con. Road, \$502.73? A. North Renfrew.

Q. North Harvey Road, \$392.50? A. West Peterborough.

Q. Northhook Road, \$299.96? A. That is in Addington.

Q. Oakley, Draper and Ryde Road, \$500.05? A. That is in Muskoka.

Q. Oliver Township Roads, \$300? A. West Algoma.

Q. Opeongo Road, \$530? A. S. Renfrew.

Q. Ouimet and Black Bay Road, \$304.22? A. West Algoma.

Q. Parkinson Road, Radcliff, \$300.35? A. East Algoma.

Q. Patton and Dean Lake Road, \$402.38? A. East Algoma.

- Q. Paipoonge Bridges, \$169.47 ? A. West Algoma.
Q. Papineau Bridges, \$276.37 ? A. Nipissing.
Q. Papineau Road, \$299.68 ? A. Nipissing.
Q. Petewawa 24 and 25, Proof Line Road, \$299.85 ? A. North Renfrew.
Q. Peninsula Road, \$200 ? A. That is in Parry Sound.
Q. Perry, 12 Con. Road, \$305.98 ? A. In Parry Sound.
Q. Perry and Chaffey Road, \$300.10 ? A. Muskoka.
Q. Plummer, 6 Con. Bridge ? A. \$50. A. East Algoma.
Q. Plummer and Lefroy Road, \$75.13 ? A. East Algoma.
Q. Port Lock and Desbarats Road, \$401.64 ? A. East Algoma.
Q. Port Finlay and Port Lock Road, \$300.04 ? A. East Algoma.
Q. Prince Township Road, \$75 ? A. East Algoma.
Q. Rainy River Road, \$999.65 and \$1,507.78 ? A. West Algoma.
Q. Radcliff and Brudenell Road, \$500.35. A. South Renfrew.
Q. Rat Portage Road and Bridge, \$151.62 ? A. West Algoma.
Q. Rosseau River Bridge, \$13.37 ? A. I think that is in Parry Sound.
Q. Rosseau and Christie Road, \$300 ? A. That would be Parry Sound also.
Q. Rosseau and Nipissing Road, \$511.22 ? A. That is in Parry Sound.
Q. Ralph Bridge, \$155.73 ? A. North Renfrew.
Q. Round Lake Road, \$200 ? A. North Renfrew.
Q. Ryan Roads, \$298.20 ? A. It is in Hastings.
Q. Savanne Road, \$350.50. Is that in West Algoma ? A. Yes, in West Algoma.
Q. Scott Line (Wallaston Road), \$150 ? A. That is in North Hastings.
Q. Shields Road, \$300 ? A. Nipissing.
Q. Sinclair and Bobcaygeon Road, \$400.62 ? A. In Muskoka.
Q. Sinclair and Franklin Road, \$418.63 ? A. That road I am almost certain is in Muskoka.

- Q. Smoky Falls Bridge, \$2,373.35 ? A. Nipissing.
Q. South Algoma Road, \$308.50 ? A. North Renfrew.
Q. Spanish Station Road, \$296 ? A. East Algoma.
Q. Springer Road, \$210.30 ? A. Nipissing.
Q. Springer A and B Road, \$100.07 ? A. Nipissing.
Q. St. Joseph's Islands Roads, \$497.40 ? A. East Algoma.
Q. Stisted, 12 and 13 Road, \$107.75 ? A. That is in Muskoka.
Q. Stoney Lake Inlet Bridge, \$63.87 ? A. Parry Sound.
Q. Sturgeon River Road, \$303.20 ? A. Nipissing.
Q. Sudbury and Chelmsford Road, \$730 ? A. East Algoma and Nipissing.
Q. Temiscamingue Roads, \$4,656.20. They are all in Nipissing, are they not ? A.

Yes.

- Q. Thessalon River Bridge, \$528.87 ? A. East Algoma.
Q. Tiny Road, \$140 ? A. C. R. Simcoe.
Q. Vankoughnet Road, \$480 ? A. East Algoma.
Q. Veuve River Bridge (east of Verner), \$940 51 ? A. That is in Nipissing.
Q. Veuve River Bridge (west of Verner) ? A. The same.
Q. Verner and Badgerow Bridge Road, \$199.63 ? A. Nipissing.

- Q. Victoria Road, \$251.55 ? A. Between West Victoria and North Ontario.
 Q. Victoria and Salter Road, \$343.19 ? A. East Algoma.
 Q. Wainwright and Vanhorne Road, \$1,022.29 ? A. West Algoma.
 Q. Wahnipitae Road, \$470.60, and \$488.02 ? A. Nipissing.
 Q. Wabis Creek Bridge, \$45.28 ? A. Nipissing.
 Q. Warren Bridge, \$400? A. Nipissing.
 Q. Wells 2 and 3 Roads, \$200.05 ? A. East Algoma.
 Q. Westphalia Road, \$304.41 ? A. Parry Sound.
 Q. Westport and Maberley Road, \$280 ? A. South Lanark.
 Q. Winnipeg River Piers, \$125.25 ? A. West Algoma.
 Q. Widdifield Roads, \$500.35 ? A. Nipissing.
 Q. Wisawasa Road, \$199 73 ? A. Nipissing.
 Q. Wollaston Road, \$45 ? A. North Hastings.
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PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE,
 APRIL 10, 1900.

HENRY SMITH, Recalled :

The CHAIRMAN.—You have already been sworn in this matter ? A. Yes, sir.

Mr. MATHESON.—This statement (producing document) is correct as far as you are able to make it out ? A. To the best of my knowledge and belief.

Mr. MATHESON.—I want that statement published instead of the other.

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE ON COLONIZATION ROADS FOR 1899

Nipissing:

Airy Township Road	\$ 400 00
Bonfield and Boulter Roads	400 61
Caldwell No. 2 Road	400 00
Calvin 30 and 31 S. L. Road	304 83
Casimer Township Roads	431 90
Chisholm Township Roads	1,200 65
Ferris Township Roads	830 28
Field Road	498 21
Field No. 2 Road	414 90
Field No. 2 and 3 Road	601 75
Hazel Road	300 00
Hazel and Badgerow Road	500 25
Kirkpatrick and McPherson Roads	600 77
Maitland Township Road	549 50
Mattawan Township Roads	104 50
Papineau Road	299 68
Papineau Bridges	276 37
Smoky Falls Bridges	2,373 35
Springer Road	210 30
Springer A. and B. Road	100 07
Sturgeon River Road	303 20
Sudbury and Chelmsford Road (part in E. Algoma)	730 00
Temiscamingue Roads	4,656 20
Temiscamingue Roads (Bal. 1898)	1 93

Nipissing:—Continued.

Veuve River Bridge (East of Verner)	\$940 51
Veuve River Bridge (West of Verner)	800 61
Verner and Badgerow Road	199 63
Wabis Creek Bridge (Bal. 1898)	45 28
Warren Creek Bridge	400 20
Wahnipatae Road	470 60
Wahnipatae Road (Bal. 1896)	488 02
Widdifield Roads	500 35
Wisawasa Road	199 73
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	\$20,534 18

Peterboro, E. Riding:

Anstruther Road	\$ 311 54
Anstruther, Burleigh and Chandos Road	402 40
Burleigh Read (between Burleigh Falls and Apsley)	301 74
Chandos Road	200 87
Dummer Road	96 11
Jack's Lake Road	200 00
Round Lake Road	200 00
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	\$1,712 66

Peterboro, W. Riding:

Buckhorn Road	\$ 402 58
Burleigh Road	225 00
Cavendish Roads	505 63
Galway Roads	475 00
Galway 4 and 5 Road	375 00
Galway and Cavendish Roads	433 37
North Harvey Road	392 50
Nogies Creek Road	400 38
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	\$3,209 46

Hastings, N. Riding:

Bangor 15 and 16 Road (Bal. 1898)	\$ 17 50
Carlow Road	101 18
Carlow 5 and 6 Road	52 92
Cashel Road	150 35
Fort Stewart Road	50 00
Mississippi Road	100 50
Monck Road	203 60
Monteagle Road	151 50
Monteagle 10 Con. Road (Bal. '98)	9 90
Ryan Road	298 20
Scott Road	150 00
Wollaston Road	45 00
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	\$1,330 65

Hastings, E. Riding:

Lonsdale and Bridgewater Road	\$ 150 00
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Leeds:

Jones Falls and Battersea Road	\$ 201 10
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Simcoe, C. Riding:

Tiny Road (Bal. '97)	\$ 140 00
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Northumberland, E. Riding :

Belmont and Meyersburg (Contribution)	\$ 200 00
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North Renfrew :

North Algoma, 8th Con. Road	\$502 73
Petewawa, 24 and 25 Proof Line Road	299 85
Rolph Bridges	155 73
South Algoma Road	308 50
	<u>\$1,266 81</u>

South Renfrew :

Addington Road	\$527 30
Ashdad and Mount St. Patrick Road (Bal. '98)	45 10
Ashdad and Renfrew Road (Bal. '98)	32 00
Brudenell and Hagarty Road	380 00
Combermere and Palmer Rapids Road	416 65
Eganville and Foymount	299 70
Foymount and Brudenell Road	313 45
Grattan, 30 and 31 Proof Line Road	301 90
Grattan, 4th Chute and 14th Con. Road	300 00
Hagarty, 2nd Con. Road	305 86
Hagarty and S. Algoma Road (Bal. '98)	21 15
Hydes Chute and Sanson Road	718 22
Killaloe and Emmet Road	411 23
Killaloe and Bonnechere Road	234 10
Lyndock, 13th Con. Road	180 00
Mattawatchan Road	396 25
Madawaska Bridge (Bal. '98)	250 15
Mount St. Patrick and Blackdonald Road	301 53
Opeongo Road	530 00
Ridgecliff and Brudenell T. L. Road	500 35
Shield's Road	300 00
	<u>\$6 764 94</u>

Addington :

Frontenac Road	\$ 50 00
Hinchinbrooke 5 and 6, T. L. Road	251 69
Mississippi Road	490 66
Northbrook Road	299 96
	<u>\$1,092 31</u>

Victoria, E. Riding :

Anson Road	\$200 00
Burnt River Bridges (Haliburton District)	507 79
Buskong Bridge (Bal. '98) (Haliburton District)	7 67
Cardiff Bridge and Road (Haliburton District)	774 58
Harburn Road (Haliburton District)	180 00
	<u>\$1,670 04</u>

Victoria, W. Riding :

Eldon, 7 Con. Road (Bal. '98)	\$ 21 25
Victoria Road between W. Victoria and North Ontario	257 80
	<u>\$279 05</u>

Frontenac :

Loughboro' Lake Road	\$516 19
Mississippi	517 24
	<u>\$1,033 43</u>

South Lanark :

Westport and Maberly Road	\$280 00
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Muskoka :

Baxter Roads	\$541 56
Cardwell Road	405 00
Cardwell Road (Bal. '98)	7 00
Cardwell No. 3 Road	209 43
Chaffey 30 and 31 S. L. Road	403 92
Chaffey Bridges and Road	250 00
Chaffey Bridges	50 00
Dorset and Huntsville Road	416 10
Draper Road	212 63
Fox Point Road	155 58
Long Lake Bridge (Stephenson)	350 05
Macaulay Road	403 92
Muskoka Bridge (Draper)	300 00
Musquosh Road	301 18
Musquosh Bridge	22 19
Oakley, Draper and Ryde Road, T. L	500 05
Perry and Chaffey Road	300 10
Sinclair and Bobcaygeon Road	400 62
Sinclair and Franklin Road	418 63
Stisted 12 and 13 Con. Road	107 75
	<u>\$5,755 71</u>

Parry Sound :

Ah Mic Road	\$306 18
Ah Mic Harbor Bridge	299 85
Beatty's Creek Bridge	335 53
Bethune 25 and 26 S. L. Road	300 59
Christie Road	500 00
Christie and Foley Road	247 50
Distress River Road	296 75
Golden Valley Road	508 51
Gurd 20 and 21 S. L. Road	298 87
Hagarman 25, 7, 26 S. L. Road	300 00
Hinsworth Road	300 00
Humphrey and Conger T. L. Road	404 14
Junction No. 2 Road	411 50
Magnetawan River Bridge	751 19
McKenzie Township Roads	599 55
Mills and Wilson Road	494 50
Muskoka Road (Gurd)	201 20
Neville Road	202 75
Nipissing Road	502 75
Northern Road (Maple and Pickerel Bridges)	150 16
North West Road Bridges	378 16
Peninsula Road (Humphrey)	200 00
Perry 12 Con. Road	305 98
Rosseau and Christie Road	300 00
Rosseau and Nipissing Road	511 22
Rosseau River Bridge (Bal. 1898)	13 37

Parry Sound:—Continued.

Stony Lake Inlet Bridge	\$63 87
Westphalia Road	304 41
	<u>\$9,488 53</u>

West Algoma:

Atwood Road	\$780 00
Bridge at Dryden	204 18
Buntin's Creek Bridge	799 52
Carpenter Road	761 85
Carpenter and Dobie T. L. Road	798 50
Carpenter and Lash T. L. Road	780 00
Carpenter and Lash (Bal. of 1898)	15 60
Crozier and Lash Road	1,685 85
Devlin Road	800 00
Eton and Sanford Roads	777 91
Kaministiquia Bridge	339 86
Keewatin Bridge	800 00
Lyon's Creek Bridge	1,150 00
Morley Township Road	780 00
Morley and Pattullo T. L. Road	680 00
Morley and Shenstone Road	800 97
Oliver Township Road	300 00
Ouimet and Black Bay Road	304 22
Paipoonge Bridge	169 47
Rainy River Road	999 65
Rainy River Road (in sections)	1,507 78
Rat Portage Road and Bridge	151 62
Wainwright and VanHorne Road	1,022 29
Winnipeg River Piers	125 95
Savanne Road	350 50
	<u>\$16,885 72</u>

East Algoma:

Alderson Road	\$130 00
Balfour and Rayside Roads	507 49
Barrie Island Road	200 00
Batchewaning Road	201 00
Bruce Mines and Thessalon River Bridges	59 00
Campbell 20 S. L. Road	310 59
Cockburn Island Road	270 00
Coffin 3 and 4 Con. Road	302 49
Day and Thessalon T. L. Road	100 01
Day and Mills Bridge	50 00
Dean Lake Road	50 00
Echo Bay Road	298 58
Galbraith Con. Bridge	90 00
Galbraith 2 and 3 Road	100 00
Great Northern Road	300 62
Indian Point Bridge	1,892 17
Iron Bridge	90 00
Iron Bridge and Dean Lake Station (Bal. 1898)	23 75
Isbester Station Road	501 34
Korah Road	400 14
Korah 10 and 11 Road	90 00
Lake Wolseley Road	300 57
Lee's Road and Scow, Spanish River	490 38
Manitowaning and Shequeandah Road	311 50

East Algoma:—Continued.

May and Salter T. L. Road	\$400 31
Mudge Bay Road	302 00
Parkinson Road	417 38
Parkenson's Road (Rock Cliffe)	300 35
Patton and Dean Lake Road	400 38
Plummer 6 Con. Bridge	50 00
Plummer and Lefroy T. L. Road	75 13
Port Lock and Debarats Road	401 64
Port Lock and Port Finlay Road	300 04
Prince Township Road	70 00
Spanish Station Road	296 00
St. Joseph Island Road	497 40
Thessalon River Bridge	528 87
Vankoughnet Road	480 00
Victoria and Salter Road	343 19
Wells 2 and 3 Road	200 05
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	\$12,143 37

INSPECTION.

Aylsworth, C. F., Inspector.

Renfrew, N. and S., Addington, Victoria, etc	\$1,350 00
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Boyd, John T., Inspector.

Algoma E. and Mining Roads	1,000 00
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Dwyer, M., Inspector (Deceased).

Algoma W. and Mining Roads (Balance 1898, paid to Mrs. Dwyer)....	50 00
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Louisbury, M., Inspector.

Peterboro' E. and W., Nipissing, etc.	1,284 00
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McDougall, Neill, Inspector.

Algoma W. and Mining Roads (Thunder Bay District)	400 00
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McCracken John, Inspector.

Nipissing (Temiscamingue District)	504 45
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Do. (Balance 1898).....	14 23
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McGown, Thos., Inspector.

Parry Sound (Northwest Road Bridges)	49 00
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Tierney, J. A., Inspector.

Algoma W. and Mining Roads, Rainy River District.....	500 00
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Simpson, J. A., Inspector.

Muskoka and Parry Sound, etc.....	1,118 45
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Smith, Henry, "Supt. Coln. Roads."

General inspection (travelling expenses)	70 00
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\$6,340 13

Total expenditure	\$90,478 09
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Less refund of Mountain Lake Road of 1898	14 00
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\$90,464 09

RE LONDON ASYLUM FARM.

Dr. R. M. BUCKE, sworn :

By Mr. STRATTON.—Q. Are you Superintendent of the London Asylum? A. Yes, sir.

Q. When were you appointed? A. February, 1877.

Q. As Superintendent of the Institution you have charge of the farm and garden?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Are you cognizant of all that is done upon the farm and garden. A. I am.

Q. You remember my writing you for a statement of the receipts and expenditures or the expenditures and profits of the farm for the years 1897, 1898 and 1899? A. I do.

Q. This statement shows that the total receipts of the total products from the farm and garden for the years 1897, 1898 and 1899 amount to \$57,972.68; that the expenditure amounted to \$29,055.60, leaving a balance of profit on farm and garden amounting to \$28,917.08 for the three years. Is that statement correct? A. It is.

Q. The statement is correct? A. It is.

Q. How do you know it is? A. I know that the products were raised on the farm and garden. I know the amount of those products. They are checked more than once, and I know by consultation with the Bursar that the prices received from these products are not excessive; and I know it is a correct statement by my own personal knowledge.

Q. What is your system of getting returns from each of the departments; that is, from the farm and garden? A. We sell nothing but live hogs; everything else we sell to ourselves. The products of the farm and garden are delivered by the Farmer and Gardener to the Matron on requisition—on written requisition. They themselves make a return to me every year of the profit, which I put in the annual report; but that return is checked from day to day by the Matron. These requisitions pass through the hands of the Bursar and are totalled up, and the returns they make to me I know to be correct by my own personal observation—I know roughly to be correct. These are checked by actual measurements by the Matron as they are consumed. Everything that is consumed in the house and everything that is consumed in the stable is checked in the same way; the expense of keeping the cattle, and so on; the amount they eat is put down month by month, is checked over by the Bursar, returned to me, and as a matter of fact we know whether the reports are correct by the way they hold out in actual use.

Q. This statement of the products of the farm and garden for 1897, 1898 and 1899 is correct so far as you know? A. It is correct, except that the prices are low.

Q. That is, you are of the impression that had you disposed of the products of the farm to outsiders you could have received a higher price than you allowed for the products of the farm and garden? A. Yes, in the aggregate, we could have sold them for more. We could not have bought them for anything like the money.

Q. I see that you have in the three years, fruit, \$4,075.65, and vegetables, \$20,598 16; herbs, \$108 75. I suppose the Gardener would be able to give us the details of these items A. I have no doubt he could.

Q. Nine beef cattle, \$475 85. Cattle sold? A. Cattle sold. Bought and sold. Bought because we had a surplus of feed that year and used it up by feeding cattle.

Q. Live hogs, 125,252 pounds, \$5,499.21. Hogs fattened? A. Hogs bred, raised and fattened in the institution and sold for money; some sold to the institution for consumption.

Q. Dressed pork, 25,930 pounds, \$1,355.43? A. The live hogs are all sold for money, the dressed hogs sold to ourselves.

Q. This 125,252 pounds of live hogs were grown, fattened and disposed of for money, which went into the account for maintenance? A. Yes.

Q. Then the dressed pork, 25,930 pounds, \$1,355.43, was pork consumed upon the premises on maintenance account? A. Yes.

Q. There is 109,239 gallons of milk, \$13,846.75, all milk that is the product of the institution? A. Yes, the cows kept by the institution.

Q. 850 bushels of turnips, \$59.50; 8,700 bushels of potatoes, \$4,770; 16,300 bushels of mangel-wurzels, \$1,141; 1,134 bushels of carrots, \$79.38; 103 bushels of peas, \$50; 6,010 bushels of oats, \$1,502.50; 1,950 bushels of cob corn, \$487.50; 920 tons of ensilage corn, \$1,380; 215 tons of straw, \$1,020; 243 tons of hay, \$1,523—the items I have read seem to be the receipts from the farm for the years 1897 & 9, and the amounts placed in this valuation you believe to be actually under the valuation they could have been sold to outsiders? A. It is not excessive.

Q. In the aggregate ? A. Yes, rather low than high.

By Mr. MATHESON.—Dr. Bucke, you rent a farm from Mr. Trebilcock ? A. We rent 150 acres of land year by year.

Q. How much do you pay ? A. \$225.

Q. What is it used for ? A. Pasturing the cows.

Q. For that alone ? A. For that alone. It is charged against the milk.

Q. How many acres are there in the Asylum grounds proper—I mean in everything, grounds and pleasure grounds ? A. We owned originally 300 acres. A. little of that is cut off by a railway. We really own something like 290 acres. I could give you the exact figures.

Q. I see in your report you say you have in the farm 129 acres. Is that correct ? A. That is right.

Q. And of that 129 acres, 18 are under hay ? It varies from year to year.

Q. Of that 129 acres, three are in fodder ? A. Yes.

Q. Eighteen in hay ? A. Yes.

Q. Twenty-five in ensilage corn ? A. Yes.

Q. Forty-four in oats ? A. Yes.

Q. Six in mangel wurtzels ? A. Yes.

Q. Three in turnips ; and a total of 129 acres ? A. Yes.

Q. That is what is in the farm ? A. Yes, last year.

Q. Besides that you have 45 acres in garden ? A. That is in one garden, and 19 in another garden. That makes up the whole amount.

By Mr. STRATTON.—Q. That is the fruit and vegetable garden ? A. The 45 acres are the main garden ; the 19 acres are in what we call the sewage field, which is part garden and part farm.

Q. That makes it 64 acres ? A. That makes 64 acres, or 193 acres under crop.

By Mr. MATHÉSON.—Q. And you say that you averaged during the past three years a profit of over \$9,500 a year on that ? A. I say so. It was not all made off the farm. Some was made from hogs fed from waste from the institution, almost entirely the rest is actually grown on the farm and garden.

Mr. CARNEGIE.—Is it true that you feed the hogs waste purchased in the city ? A. We spent in the last three years about \$100 for feed for the hogs. It was in grain for finishing up some hogs, some fattening hogs. That was all the money that was spent in three years in producing this pork, which is the hogs which are credited and there was nothing bought.

By Mr. MATHESON.—Q. The total profit made was \$28,917. That is correct, is it ? A. It is correct.

Q. How do the class of patients in the London Asylum compare with those in the Hamilton Asylum ? A. I have no knowledge of the patients at the Hamilton Asylum ; I have never seen them—that is, I have not been there for years.

Q. The Hamilton Asylum has a few more patients than you have ? A. About the same.

Q. How do you account for it, that the London Asylum cost \$10,000 more than the Hamilton Asylum last year ? A. I have no knowledge of it at all.

Q. You made such large profits on the farm ? A. I have no knowledge ; I cannot say anything about it.

Q. You cannot explain that ? A. I do not know how they live at the Hamilton Asylum.

Q. You had 243 tons of hay in the last three years, and I see you used 255 tons. Where did you get the balance ? A. Bought the balance.

Q. But the statement shows that apart from that you bought 144 tons of hay? A. The 255 tons of hay is charged against the cow stable, not necessarily all raised on the farm. We raised 243 tons; the rest was bought.

Q. At the heading you see "farm produce consumed in horse and cow stables and piggery," and then below another item says this was farm produce. Where did you get the other 12 tons? A. I do not see.

By Mr. STRATTON.—Q. It says "farm produce consumed on the farm." It has below that: "Purchased hay, 144 tons." Where did you get it from? A. This account does not hang together. I think you had better ask the Bursar.

By Mr. MATHESON.—Q. Doctor, you don't know all about this account? When you said that you knew all about this account is not correct. Is it the case that you don't know all about the details of this account? A. I certainly don't know that detail. I don't understand it.

By Mr. LATCHFORD.—Q. Who prepared this statement? A. The Bursar.

Q. Who is he? A. Doctor Sippi.

Q. Is he present here to-day? A. He is.

Q. Have you noticed the heading of this where 255 tons of hay are charged on the debit side of "farm produce consumed by horses, cows and piggery," then on the opposite side you have the amount received off the Asylum farm, there would be a difference charged of 12 tons which would be consumed in the horse and cow stables and the piggery, and that you say would be purchased? A. I don't say so now.

Q. Now, you have below 184 tons charged at \$1,364.85. What does that item represent? A. That is hay bought, feed purchased—that was also feed purchased.

Q. Then, in addition to the 12 tons mentioned before, there were purchased 184 tons?

Mr. MATHESON.—Do you swear that you purchased that 12 tons? A. I do not say.

Mr. MATHESON.—I do not think he ought to be forced to swear to any he doesn't know anything about.

By Mr. LATCHFORD.—Q. The total profit you say is \$29,817 for the three years, or an average of something over \$9,000. Now, did you pay anything for labor during that time? A. Labor is charged.

Q. Apart from what labor is charged here? A. No.

Q. You have the rest of the labor free? A. We have an immense amount of labor free.

Q. No charge is made for that? A. No.

Q. For the reason, I suppose, that it would cost the Asylum nothing, and these patients would be better when employed? A. It would not have been so good for the patients if they were not employed. It is part of the treatment they have to undergo.

Q. You get that advantage in raising this large amount of produce? A. Yes.

By Mr. STRATTON.—Q. You sometimes purchase hay for beef cattle? A. Yes.

Q. And you charge that up against the cattle that are being fed? A. I do not know the details of this book-keeping. I would rather not swear to what I do not know.

By Mr. AULD.—Q. How many patients are there working on the farm? A. About one hundred—well on to one hundred.

Q. All the year round? A. In berry time, for instance, the number is largely increased.

Q. How many do you employ then? A. We allow women then to go out picking. Perhaps 20, 30 or 40 women go out picking peas and other things. I see them working.

By Mr. STRATTON.—Q. This 243 tons of hay was grown upon the farm? A. I think so. This was my understanding.

Q. Then 255 tons was consumed on the farm, and this 184½ tons was also consumed

upon the farm ; and if not grown it must have been purchased elsewhere by the Bursar ?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. The 243 tons charged were grown upon the farm ?

Mr. MATHESON.—I object to this sort of evidence. He has no right to make an assertion and then ask Dr. Bucke to say yes or no.

Mr. STRATTON.—The 243 tons of hay.

Mr. MATHESON.—That is clearly wrong.

Q. The 243 tons of hay, representing \$1,523, where was that grown ? A. Upon the farm.

Q. Then the 255 tons of hay and the 184½ tons of hay, representing in all 439½ tons of hay, consumed. Where was the excess over the amount produced upon the farm obtained ? A. It was bought by the Bursar.

By Mr. MATHESON.—Q. Take the other items of farm produce consumed in the stables. It does not necessarily mean they were produced upon the farm ? A. That is my understanding.

Q. This first column, the farm produce consumed, means possibly part of them was purchased. The heading, "Farm produce consumed," does not mean the products of the Asylum ? A. Yes.

Q. What does it mean ? Does it possibly mean that parts of that produce was not produced on the Asylum farm ? A. It does not say so, and it does not signify to the statement, that is what was consumed.

Q. Does it not mean that these first items were produced on the Asylum farm ? A. I don't know.

Q. We will take another item. Take the oats. Did you produce 6,010 bushels of the farm for \$1,502.50 ? A. Yes.

Q. And "farm produce consumed in the horse and cow stables and piggery," oats 4,996 bushels, \$1,229. You see that in the statement ? A. Yes.

Q. What became of the rest of the oats ? A. I do not know.

Q. Why should they divide them in two that way ? A. The balance of the oats was probably—I don't say positively, because I do not know—was probably fed to fat cattle, and would not therefore enter into this statement at all. If the farmer supplied the butcher with oats to feed his fat cattle just before being killed, then the oats would be used and properly used, but would not enter into this statement.

Q. In that case you take credit for the whole amount of oats produced for the other thousand bushels, on the credit side ? A. Yes.

Q. You also take credit for any cattle that were killed ? A. We do not take credit for any butcher cattle, but beef cattle. They do not enter into this statement at all.

Q. Where do they enter ? A. They do not enter at all. We buy cattle by the car-load for the consumption of the patients. These cattle we keep a certain length of time, and they have to be fed while kept. The beef cattle mentioned in this statement were some cattle that were bought poor and fed for the purpose of consuming our crops, and we sold them for money. We had nothing to do with these beef cattle. These oats were probably—and I think it is no doubt the case—used to feed beef cattle, and therefore they would not have any business in this statement at all. We raised them, we gave them to the butcher, and they are charged against the butcher's account.

Q. You have taken more than credit for these 1,000 bushels of oats, and I suppose you have taken credit for the cattle when sold ? A. No.

Q. How do you sell them ? A. They are killed and eaten. They do not enter into this statement at all.

Mr. STRATTON.—So that the statement is a complete statement of the receipts and expenses ? A. It is a complete statement showing the produce of the farm, the value and cost ; what is raised and what it cost ; but it has nothing to do with the butcher cattle.

By Mr. MATHESON.—Q. You feel unable to explain the details? A. I cannot explain every one.

Q. Does Mr. Hunter supply you with meat? A. He is buyer. He buys it and sends it.

Q. How do you do it? Do you get a carload? A. Yes, and butcher it on the premises.

Q. Where do they come from? A. They sometimes come from Toronto; sometimes from St. Marys and sometimes from other places.

Q. Have you many carloads sent from Toronto? A. I do not know where they come from, hardly ever. I know that they come, but not where they come from. It is really none of my concern.

Q. Do you examine the beef? A. Often; always when the Butcher reports anything to be examined and often when he doesn't report it.

Q. Is there any inspection of the supplies bought? A. Some of the food supplies I inspect; not every parcel that is bought.

Q. There is no daily inspection? A. Yes, there is a daily inspection. I inspect the tables of the institution every day, the food served on the tables for instance. I inspect the butter very often, and inspect everything that seems to need inspection.

Mr. STRATTON.—It is the Bursar's duty? A. It is the store-keeper's duty.

By Mr. MATHESON.—Q. I see you bought from Robinson, Little & Co. \$3,278 worth of supplies? A. I do not know anything about it.

Q. You know nothing about the purchases? A. Nothing.

Q. Have you any control over the purchases? A. None whatever.

Q. Who attends to that? A. The Bursar, as far as I know. He buys.

Q. Suppose you want bedding or anything of that sort, what do you do? A. I never want anything. If the Matron wants bedding she makes a requisition and brings it to me and says: "I want this." If I have any doubts about it at all I look into it. If I see it is a legitimate request I sign it and then it goes to the Bursar.

Q. And the Bursar buys it? A. The Bursar is supposed to buy it.

Q. He simply gets it? A. He has nothing to do with me at all.

Q. You have nothing to do with him? A. Nothing at all.

Mr. AULD.—In preparing that statement what method do you take of arriving at the price of the vegetables? A. The Bursar will give you that.

By Mr. CARNEGIE.—Q. There is a statement here in one of these accounts to the effect that you bought 112 cows. Would that represent the total number of cows in the institution during the three years? A. This would be the cows bought to keep up the supply of cows. As the cows go dry they are butchered and new cows are bought to keep up the stock. They count also 112 cows sold. There were 112 cows stabled for beef and 112 were bought to replace them.

Q. Then that 112 would represent the total number under milk? A. Oh, no. We milk about 42 cows all the time. This is to keep up the supply.

Q. What do these cows average? What would they average a year? A. Each?

Q. Yes. A. Our cows run from eight to ten quarts. They run twelve quarts sometimes in the summer, when in pasture. But the average all through the year is, I think, somewhere between eight and nine quarts.

Q. I notice in the account that you show 109,239 gallons of milk for the season from these cows. That would be an average per cow of about 7,000 or over—between 7,000 and 8,000 pounds? A. This would be pints?

Q. Yes. A. There are ten pounds in a gallon.

Q. Eight pounds. A. I think it is usually considered ten pounds in a gallon of milk.

Mr. LATCHFORD.—I suppose the Imperial would yield ten pounds.

By Mr. CARNEGIE.—Q. What I wanted you to do is to draw a comparison between what your cows do and what is done at Guelph. I find at Guelph the greatest record for any milk cow is 9,793 pounds for a year. How will that compare with yours? A. You see it is not the same thing, because we renew our cows all the time. It is not the individual cows with us. It is just 40 or 42 cows all the time, and they are renewed as often as necessary to keep them in full milk. As soon as they decline they are killed.

Q. In that case you cannot make any comparison? A. I do not think so.

Dr. C. A Sippi, Sworn:

By Mr. STRATTON.—Q. What is your official position, Dr. Sippi, at the London Asylum? A. Bursar.

Q. There is a gardener and a farmer at the Asylum? A. Yes.

Q. One having charge of the garden and the other the farm? A. Yes.

Q. What account is kept by the gardener and the farmer of the proceeds from the farm and garden? A. They keep a statement of all that is produced and submit it to our office and we keep a statement of it, and then submit it to Dr. Bucke at the end of the year, from which he makes his report to the Inspector.

Q. Who fixes the prices? A. I do.

Q. How do you get at them? A. I get them from the wholesale gardeners in the locality who go to the market and sell their produce. I receive prices from them, and I have received prices from Mr. J. S. Pearce & Co., who are in the seed and garden business.

Q. These prices that you credit the institution, are they wholesale prices? A. Yes. Some of them I put down lower than the wholesale price.

Q. Then you give the institution the benefit of the lower prices? A. Yes.

Q. You see this statement (Exhibit "A"). On the credit side you will observe the productions from the farm for the three years, 1897-8-9. Is that statement correct? A. It is, as handed to us in the office. We have no means of knowing except from what the farmer and the gardener send in to the office in the way of returns, we doing the arithmetical part of it.

Q. You get it from the gardener and the farmer, and the prices are fixed by you? A. The prices are fixed by us in the office.

Q. You will observe that the total receipts from the farm and garden for the three years amount to \$57,972.68, and the expenditures to \$29,055.60, so that the profits will be \$28,917.98; that is taking the receipts and expenditures and disbursements as presented by this statement? A. Yes.

Q. You have no reason to doubt the correctness of the returns given by the farmer and the gardener? A. I have no reason.

Q. They are accurate and correct? A. Yes.

By Mr. MATHESON.—Who made up this statement? A. It is made in my office.

Q. Under your direction? A. Yes.

Q. What do you understand by that heading, "farm produce consumed in horse and cow stables and piggery?" Do you understand that was the produce of the Asylum farm? A. Yes.

Q. And that anything you bought was in the credit side? A. Yes.

Q. I suppose your business was simply as an accountant? A. That's all. I think I can explain—

Q. Can you explain this item. On the credit side there is 6,010 bushels of oats, \$1,502.50; and the "farm produce consumed" shows 4,996 bushels of oats, \$1,229. Can you explain what became of the other thousand bushels? I understand that the farmer has in stock now about 800 bushels of oats not used. We had a very large crop of oats and did not use them all.

Q. So far as this farm account goes the work there is simply office work? Yes. I purchase some things.

Q. As Bursar of the Asylum you buy the supplies, do you? A. I do.

Q. Have you had any instructions as to whom you were to buy from? It is certainly understood whom we buy from. We buy from Conservatives, also, sometimes—not as often as we do from others.

Q. Did you get any instructions to buy from any particular individual during the past year? A. Not from any Government officials.

Q. From any member of the Government? A. No.

Q. From the member for London? A. Yes.

Q. Whom did he advise you to buy from? A. We had been buying from the majority of these parties before he spoke.

Q. He asked you to buy from some? A. Not very many; only a few.

Q. Did he ask you to buy from Robinson, Little & Co.? A. No he did not. They were purchased from before I became Bursar. The majority of them were purchased from before I became Bursar at all. I simply carried it on. My predecessor was dealing with the majority of these people. I carried on to a great extent his work.

Q. You bought \$3,416 worth from Elliott, Marr & Company, grocers? A. Yes.

Q. I see \$1,005 for tobacco in that account? A. Yes.

Q. Ask for tenders from anybody else? A. No, because I knew perfectly well we could not have bought that tobacco any cheaper, because tobacco has gone up in the last few years. It was tobacco manufactured in Lower Canada which was about half the price we used to pay for the other tobacco. I think it is good. It is certainly good enough for anyone who wants to chew.

Q. I suppose Elliott & Co. are Reformers? A. They are Reformers, there is no hiding that.

Q. Robinson, Little & Co., you bought \$3,278 from them? A. Yes.

By Mr. STRATTON.—Q. You obtained prices for these goods? A. Yes.

Q. You did not send the order without first obtaining the price? A. No.

By Mr. MATHESON.—Q. Did you never send out orders for many cabs of tea? A. We do not buy it from Elliott, Marr & Co. at all.

Q. Whom do you order it from? A. We buy it from three or four different parties and get prices.

Q. R. C. Struthers & Co.? A. Wholesale dry goods.

Q. You bought \$2,278 worth from them? A. The fact of the matter is, we could not get any prices because I don't think any more than one firm could supply what we wanted.

Q. W. T. Strong & Co., I suppose they are Liberals, too? A. Yes.

Q. You bought \$1,223 drugs from them? A. I do not buy the drugs at all; they are bought by the medical department. I do not interfere with them except in so far as the arithmetical part is concerned, to check the accounts.

Q. Do you ever compare the accounts for this Asylum with other Asylums? A. Yes.

Q. Hamilton? A. Yes, I have compared with them.

Q. How do you account for the fact that your annual expenditure is about \$10,000 more than theirs? A. I cannot tell what they eat.

Q. Have you been at the Hamilton Asylum? A. I was there once. I do not know anything about the patients.

Q. You have seen the patients. Are they the same class as at London? A. I suppose about the same class.

Q. Other things being equal, I suppose it ought to be as cheap to run one Asylum

as the other? A. I have been under the impression that we fed our patients better. I cannot account for the difference, because I do not know anything at all about it. I believe we eat more bread than they do at Hamilton, and—

Mr. STRATTON.—You show your feed. (Laughter.)

WITNESS—If you look at the comparative statement you will see our bread account is \$7,227.13, nearly \$3,000 a year more than the Hamilton Asylum.

By Mr. MATHESON.—Q. Take the item of bed clothing and fuel. A. Yes.

Q. Toronto Asylum has certainly a better classification—more paid patients? A. Yes.

Q. Toronto and Hamilton run at about \$8 per head? A. Yes.

Q. And you run at about \$15.50 a head? A. Yes. To explain that cost, the majority of patients in Toronto are supplied by their friends with clothing. I understand there is only one ward in the Toronto Asylum where they have patients of the same class as ours.

Q. These friends would not supply bedding, would they? A. I do not know anything about that.

Q. Would they supply clothing? A. Yes. I do not think bedding is the most necessary part. We get the majority of our shoes from the Central Prison. I suppose they do the same at Hamilton.

Q. It is \$8 per head at Hamilton, while you pay \$15.50—nearly double. How do you account for the difference? A. Our bedding, clothing and shoes is only \$10.95.

Q. For 1899? A. In the estimates here.

Q. If that is the case, the item in the estimates for this year is \$5,000 too much? A. I do not know anything about it. I did not make out the estimates.

Q. How much is your item for this year?

Mr. STRATTON.—You are taking the estimates for this year. It may not be necessary. It is not necessary to expend it all.

By Mr. MATHESON.—Q. You thought this was enough last year. You were not short at all? A. No. I think this year our expenditure will be a great deal higher than any year yet, because woollens have gone up at least a third—

Q. Working of the National Policy, I suppose? A. I do not know what it is. And iron goods have gone up. We may require it. If we do not require it there is a surplus shown at the end of the year.

By Mr. STRATTON—Q. It is the Superintendent that says what is required? A. Yes, generally. The Inspector makes out the estimates but confers with the Medical Superintendent.

Q. With regard to the purchasing of supplies, what is the system? When you receive an order from the Superintendent for certain supplies for the Institution, explain to the Committee what you do? A. The Matron makes out the requisition for whatever supplies she may want, whether it is bedding or clothing or dry goods. Generally it is brought to the Medical Superintendent, who examines it and sees that it is all right. He puts his stamp on it and passes it to my office, and then I purchase as he requests.

Q. Getting prices for the requisition required? A. I can safely say that our prices are as low as any other asylum.

Mr. MATHESON.—They are all equally bad.

A. I suppose they will continue equally bad. I always do what I am told.

Mr. STRATTON.—Do you invariably purchase from the person who supplies you with the lowest price? A. Yes.

By Mr. LATCHFORD.—Q. Referring to the statement, as far as it represents purchases actually made, it is a correct statement by the Bursar, based on the vouchers which are on file in the office? A. Yes.

Q. As to the produce of the farm produced and consumed, you took the statement of the Farmer and the Gardener ? A. Yes.

Q. And you have no reason to doubt that they are correct ? A. No.

Q. If they are correct and your prices are right, then the account is right ? A. Yes.

Q. And your prices are obtained carefully ? A. Yes, I did the best I could ; I may have erred in judgment, as well as anybody else.

Q. Assuming they are correct, and the Farmer's and Gardener's statements correct, then this account is correct ? A. Yes.

WILLIAM MURDOCH, Sworn :

By Mr. Stratton.—Q. What is your position at the London Asylum, Mr. Murdoch ?
A. Farmer.

Q. How many acres do you farm—how many acres have you under crop ? A. 129½ ; we sometimes call it 130.

Q. In round numbers 130 acres ? A. Yes. There are fractional parts of an acre in some beds.

Q. You have nothing to do with the gardening ? A. None at all.

Q. When you take your crop off the farm, do you keep a careful account of the products ? I think so.

Q. And what is your system ? Do you make your report of the receipts of the various products, such as hay and straw and oats and carrots and turnips and mangels, and everything of this description ? Do you make a report to the Bursar ? A. I make the report to the Superintendent ; the report is made, I think, a little too early for the roots. The roots are not fully grown at the time.

Q. Then what you mean to infer is, that the close of the year being the 30th September, you have to average ? A. I get the actual results often. Such as mangels and turnips will increase after that.

Q. So that your estimate is under the mark instead of over it ? A. I consider it is.

Q. Do you ever return more than you produce ? A. No, sir.

Q. Do you produce more than you return ? A. Well, I think so.

Q. In the working of it out, there is a good deal more produced than returned ? A. Yes, especially in some crops.

Q. The root crops principally ? A. Yes, and the oat crop.

Q. In no case you report more than you produce ? A. I try to be as accurate as possible, to keep under rather than over.

Q. Do you arrive at the prices ? A. I have nothing to do with the prices ; they are fixed by the Bursar. He sometimes consults me about certain things, when he questions the butter being too high, or something like that. Further than that I have nothing to do with prices.

Q. I see by the statement presented to the Committee that the receipts for 1897-8-9 amount to :—Hay, 243 tons, \$1,523 ; straw, 215 tons, \$1,020 ; ensilage corn, 920 tons, \$1,380 ; cob corn, 1,950 bushels, \$487.50 ; oats, 6,010 bushels, \$1,502.50 ; peas, 103 bushels, \$50 ; carrots, 1,134 bushels, \$79.38 ; mangel wurzels, 16,300 bushels, \$1,141 ; potatoes, 8,700 bushels, \$4,770 ; turnips, 850 bushels, \$59.50 ; milk, 109,239 gallons, \$13,846.75 ; dressed pork, 25,930 pounds, \$1,355.43 ; live hogs, 125,252 pounds, \$5,499.21 ; beef cattle, nine, \$475.85—representing \$33,190.12, as the product of the farm for the three years. This statement is correct in so far as quantity is concerned ? A. If the figures are added correctly as given in annually, they are correct. I have not added them together. I think the oats is correct—I know that the hay is correct—all these items you have read ; I have not added them, but if the statements are added correctly as given in they are correct.

Q. How many men have you working on the farm—paid men ? A. Two.

Q. Certain seasons ? A. All the year round.

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Q. How many assistants from the Asylum patients? A. They vary; it is just according to what they can send out. They can send out more one day than another.

Q. The average? A. We have two gangs, and there is an average of about 12 to a gang; sometimes 15, sometimes 9, sometimes 8.

Q. How do they work—fairly well? A. Some of them are good workers; others very little use. Their hours of course are short.

By Mr. Ross.—Q. Is the farm in good order? A. I think it is in excellent order just now.

Q. It produces as much as an ordinary farm per acre in Middlesex? A. In its present condition, it does. I do not think it is adapted for timothy; for clover hay it is.

By Mr. MATHESON.—Q. When were you appointed? A. I commenced on the first day of November, 1895.

Q. 1895 or 1894? A. 1895.

Q. Where did you live previously to that? A. I lived on the fourth line of the Township of Adelaide in North Middlesex.

Q. Were you nominated by the Patrons as a candidate? A. I was.

Q. When? A. In 1894.

Q. For what constituency? A. For West Middlesex.

Mr. LATCHFORD: I do not see what that has to do with the case.

By Mr. MATHESON.—You were nominated against Mr. Ross? A. I was not nominated against anybody.

Q. It was Mr. Ross' constituency? A. Yes. I am perfectly free to answer any question you put.

Q. Mr. Ross represented this constituency at the time you got the appointment in 1895? The election was in 1894? A. I commenced in 1895.

Q. You did not actually run; you were not nominated? (No reply).

Q. I understand the quantities are estimates of the quantity. Hay, for instance is an estimate? A. Last year we weighed every load of hay, but for two years we weighed several loads out of each field. We had a very large quantity.

Q. About the root crops, are they estimates? A. Most of it is by actual measurement and by weight.

Q. During the past three years? A. Last year we weighed them all.

Q. The mangels were not weighed? I understood you made your estimates in September? A. Yes, we made an estimate in September.

Q. Is it on that estimate that the quantity is based? A. I suppose it would be, but there is a correct estimate comes in later than that. The Superintendent gets what he calls a proof sheet something like a month later than that.

Q. When were the roots pulled? A. Pulled in October.

Q. And you made your estimate in September? Is it the estimate of September in this statement we have got here? A. I could not say whether it is September or the first of October. I will explain. For instance, the mangels. We dug two loads of mangels out of the centre of the field, cut the tops off carefully, we weighed these two loads, and then counted the loads.

Q. And that is the basis of this estimate? A. Yes.

Q. I see in the three years you produced 6,010 bushels of oats? A. Yes.

Q. Do you give Mr. Sippi a statement of what farm produce is consumed on the farm? A. I give it to the Superintendent every year.

Q. Do you give him that particular statement, a statement of what farm produce is consumed on the farm? A. I give a statement of the amount fed daily to cows and horses—a ration, that is, so much fed each day.

Q. Do you know under what heading you put those? A. "Rations to horses," and "Rations to cows."

Q. In this statement it says that during the past three years you produced on the farm 6,010 bushels of oats, while you fed on the farm 4,996, in addition to 1,880 bushels you purchased. What became of the other one thousand bushels? A. Well, we have got in the granary at the present time between 800 and 900 bushels of oats, besides our own seed.

Q. You had some in the granary at the beginning of each of the three years? A. I cannot recollect the amount.

Q. Was it probably about the same amount as now? A. Very likely it was.

Q. As a matter of fact, you cannot explain where that other thousand bushels has gone?

Mr. STRATTON.—You know he has used that for his seed.

Mr. MATHESON.—You can explain your whole statement.

A. Last year was the only year when we made the oats go around. Last year we bought no oats. At least there were none bought for horses. I furnished oats to the butcher for the cattle.

Q. You bought no oats last year? A. No.

Q. How many acres had you in oats last year? A. The report says 44 acres.

Mr. CARNEGIE—Did I understand you that you made a clear statement of the cost of keeping your horses? A. I said I returned to the Bursar the statement monthly of the rations fed to the horses and the cows also.

Mr. MATHESON.—We on our side of the House do not object to the number of horses. What we did object to in former days was that the amount of feed purchased for the horses and cattle was more than they needed. At one time the horses there were used to carry voters to registration.

A. It has never been since I have been there.

By Mr. STRATTON.—Q. You kept an accurate account of the produce of the farm? A. I did.

Q. You make that return to the Bursar regularly? A. Yes. I make a return monthly to the Bursar's clerk. He is the person.

Q. The quantities represented in this statement are correct? A. They are correct, no doubt.

Q. You heard the statement made by Col. Matheson that the horses kept on the Asylum farm have been used for driving voters for registration purposes? A. I did.

Q. Is that correct, during your experience there? A. Never, not once.

Q. Then the statement is untrue?

Mr. MATHESON.—I object to the question in that form. I said I had been told such was the case by persons I have reason to believe.

Mr. STRATTON—Col. Matheson says that he has been told by persons whom he has reason to believe that the horses of the Asylum were used for the purpose of conveying voters for registration purposes. Is that statement correct?

(Mr. MATHESON objects to the question being put.)

Mr. STRATTON—Since 1895; is that correct? Col. Matheson states that he has been informed by a person whom he has reason to believe that the horses have been used—

Mr. MATHESON.—At the '94 election.

Mr. STRATTON.—For the purpose of conveying voters to the polls. Is that correct, since you became Farmer and had charge?

A. It certainly is not correct. No person ever asked for such a thing from me, and I might say further that there is no horse goes out of that stable without my authority—unless I am asked.

Dr. BUCKE, recalled :—

By Mr. STRATTON.—Q. Colonel Matheson tells us that he was informed that the horses—one or more—of the London Asylum were used for registering votes in the election of 1894. Is this information correct? A. It is not true. If you like, I will tell you where that came from.

Mr. STRATTON—I have nothing to do with that.

Mr. MATHESON.—You have heard that before? A. Yes.

Mr. STRATTON.—Were the horses ever used for election purposes since you became Superintendent? A. Never.

Mr. WILLIAM MURDOCH, recalled.

By the CHAIRMAN.—Q. You stated that in working the Asylum farm you worked a gang of men averaging from 8 to 12. That would be 24 men working on an average A. Whenever they were needed.

Q. How much do you suppose you would save by these 24 men in free labor during the season? A. For instance we have got from 21 to 23 acres of potatoes. Now the hoeing of these potatoes, going over them three or four times, if you hired the labor, would involve an awful expense. These men do that. We use the horses and cultivate them. Our corn last year was about 24 acres. We went over these fields five times and I am bound to say I never saw any that was better cared for in the Province.

Q. If you had to hire all these men, would they cost \$100 apiece on an average for the year? A. I do not think they would cost that much.

Mr. Ross.—Q. They are not worth \$100 each, if their work was paid for in proportion to what they earned, and their board? A. Oh, yes, I think so.

The CHAIRMAN.—At that rate it would be \$2,400 of free labor per year? A. Oh, certainly, we get \$2,400 of free labor.

By Mr. LATCHFORD.—Q. You carry on a very high cultivation? A. Yes.

Q. Just as good as the ordinary farmer? A. Most decidedly.

Q. And the result is, you get much larger crops? A. Certainly, the better you cultivate, the better the crops.

Q. I notice there is a large quantity of milk, 109,289 gallons. All used in the Asylum? A. Yes.

Q. What is your system for supplying milk to the Asylum? A. The lowest number of cows since I went there was 38—

Q. Do you keep them up to a high standard of milking? A. Yes, I will not keep a cow there, if I can get rid of her conveniently, if she milks less than 8 quarts a day. I notify the butcher that I want her taken out. He does not always take her out right away.

Q. They are taken out and replaced by cows that are milking well A. Fresh milkers.

Q. In that way you obtain a higher average than the ordinary farmer does? A. Most decidedly.

Q. How much more than the ordinary farmer obtains? A. I could not tell.

Q. Can you not tell from your own experience? A. My own experience has not been in the direction of measuring milk. I have been comparing with other parts of the country that try to follow the same system.

Q. You get more than the ordinary farmer? A. Yes.

Q. Dairy men try to follow the same system? A. Yes, but the ordinary farmer's cows are dry part of the year.

Q. There is apparently a slight discrepancy in regard to hay, where the statement says 243 tons were produced and 255 tons consumed. Do you know how it was at the

beginning of your time ; was there any large stock on hand ? A. I understand there was 20 tons of hay just bought.

Q. There was none on hand ? A. Yes, it was in, but I have it in my mind that that discrepancy might be explained in this way : The butcher gets cattle in by the car-load, of say 24 or 25 head. They are fed for 48 hours and perhaps some of them 10 days, before being butchered. I am very often called upon to bring over hay from the horse stable or cow stable. Perhaps that would explain it. That is the fact, anyway.

Q. When the hay is consumed, is it carefully weighed ? You spoke of weighing the rations ? A. I weigh the rations in this way : I cut the hay up with a cutting-box, for the horses, saturating it with water, and I use a lot of chopped stuff—crushed oats. Then we deal it out in baskets. We know exactly what every basketful will weigh—the same as measuring out oats, a bushel will weigh 34 pounds. It is as exact as it is possible to make it.

Q. The slight difference, averaging four tons a year, could be explained in that way : that more care is taken in weighing the fodder out than in bringing it in ? A. I find it is only last year I have adopted the system of cutting the hay up, and we used less hay than formerly.

Q. Do you know how much hay you have on hand now ? I notice that 443½ tons were consumed and received for the Asylum. There is a difference of 196 tons. What have you on hand ? A. About 11 or 12 tons.

Mr. DICKENSON.—You make your return 30th September ? Do you make a return to the Inspector ? A. No, to the Bursar.

MR. GEORGE W. RENNIE, Sworn :

By Mr. STRATTON.—Q. What position do you occupy at the London Asylum ? A. I am Gardener.

Q. You have charge of the garden ? A. Yes.

Q. When were you appointed ? A. In 1882.

Q. Do you keep an account of the products of the garden ? A. Yes.

Q. Of all the stuff grown upon the garden ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. And do you make your report to the Bursar ? A. I make it to the Superintendent ; likewise to the Bursar.

Q. The statement supplied by the Superintendent shows you have produced \$4,075.-65 of fruit for the three years ; also \$20,598.16 of vegetables, and \$108.75 of herbs. How are these prices fixed ? By the Bursar ? A. The Bursar obtains prices from people who are in the business. He has referred the matter to me, and I believe he is very moderate and low.

Q. You are careful in your reports to the Bursar ? A. I am as nearly as I can be.

By Mr. LATCHFORD.—Q. How many acres of garden have you ? A. Nearly 50 acres.

R. Nearly 50 acres under garden ? A. With about 15 acres in sewage farm.

Q. Do you raise much produce from the sewage farm ? A. Yes, sir, a lot from that farm.

Q. So that, altogether you have about 64 or 65 acres ? A. Somewhere there about.

Q. How many men have you there at your disposal ? A. I have one assistant in the garden proper.

Q. How many patients ? A. Possibly 50 patients working in the garden ; perhaps sometimes more.

Q. I suppose at berry picking time a great many more ? A. Possibly 50 more sometimes, and then we can't get all our stock off.

Q. I suppose \$100, \$150 or \$200 an acre is not a large return from a garden cultivated such as yours ? A. \$100 is a very small return. Peter Henderson, of New York, makes \$600.

Q. I suppose you are doing pretty well. What is your average return ? A. About \$130 for the three years.

Q. Of course you would not have as much as that if you had to pay your labor ? A. No, sir, we would not average as much.

By Mr. KIDD.—Q. I would like to ask this gentleman what way he values the products ? A. The Bursar values them.

Q. You have nothing to do with them ? A. I have been consulted as to the prices being placed on them.

Q. You do not know whether they are near their value, higher or lower ? A. I have gone through the list with the Bursar and know what he has valued them at.

By Mr. MATHESON.—Q. Do you make estimates of quantities ? A. Yes, I have to make some estimates ; some are actually measured.

Q. Which have you to estimate ? A. All that is in the ground after 30th September, when the estimates are made up.

Q. Some crops that are still in the ground have to be estimated ? A. Yes.

Q. The whole thing is not measured ? A. No.

By Mr. LATCHFORD.—Q. Are the estimates fairly and accurately made ? A. They are rather under than over. I have been particular about that.

Q. Have you any personal knowledge of the prices of garden produce prevailing in London ? A. I have a general idea.

Q. Are the prices charged fair prices ? A. I should say, for the most part they are.

Q. You have personal knowledge of them ? A. Sufficient for that.

By Mr. STRATTON.—Q. How many men do you have from the institution from time to time during the season as you are working the garden ? A. Patients ?

Q. Yes. A. We have an average of about 50 in the garden department. In the winter time we do not use these men. During all the busy season we have about that number.

By Mr. MATHESON.—Q. How many hours a day ? A. They work from 7 in the morning till 11, and from 1.30 till 5 in the afternoon.

Q. It is optional with the patients ? A. Yes.

By Mr. STRATTON.—Q. Do they work pretty well ? A. Some are as valuable as the hired men.

Q. If you were required to pay for this labor ? A. I would not like to make an estimate.

Q. They are fairly good workers ; as good as the average man you can obtain ? A. No, sir ; not all around. We have some very good workers, better workers than you could get, but we have a lot of patients who are little or no good. Those that are no good for some things are good for something else. There are so many things to which you can apply them.

Q. I understood from the Superintendent that many were equally as good as labor that could be employed ? A. Yes.

By Mr. LATCHFORD.—Q. Your gardens are very tastefully ornamented ? A. We produced that all over and above this amount. They are produced on the ground, and no charge made for them.

Q. No charge whatever made for this ? A. It is an independent account altogether, outside of this.

By Mr. STRATTON.—Q. Would each of these men save you \$25 or \$50 a year ? A. They would easily save that amount in hired labor, I should suppose.

Q. That would be \$2,500 ? A. Yes, I think you would easily spend \$2,500 for the labor we get out of the patients.

MR. DICKENSON.—Q. You say in the report that you had 7,758 green house plants and bedding plants. This is an accurate estimate? A. Yes, they are grown in the institution and set out.

MR. WILLIAM MURDOCH, recalled:

By MR. KIDD.—Q. In connection with this ensilage, did you ascertain the weight and value? A. That is just an estimate.

Q. Did you weigh it? A. It would be impossible.

Q. How do you know— A. If we did weigh it we would be no wiser, because of the water put on it when it is cut and put in the silo. One year our ensilage corn was rather dry and we had to turn the hose on.

Q. You do not weigh the water? A. No, only the ensilage.

Q. How do you value it? A. We value it according to the amount fed.

Q. How much do you suppose a ton is worth? A. \$1.50.

Q. In reference to your vegetables, do you classify those that are grown in the garden? A. I have no connection with the garden at all.

Q. Then this statement in connection with the carrots? A. I raise carrots on the farm now. Anything we raise on the farm is fed to the stock.

Q. Do you weigh these? Do you weigh all your farm goods? A. No, measure them. Our waggon boxes are both the same size and we know exactly what they hold. We have weighed them several times and we can measure loads there more accurately than in the bushels.

Q. What value do you put on them? A. On what?

Q. The carrots and mangels. A. The value the Bursar puts on himself. 7 cents a bushel.

Q. In regard to the milk, what do you value your milk at? A. Three cents a quart, the Bursar values it at.

Q. That is the estimate in this statement? A. Yes, I think so.

EXHIBIT "A."

RETURN.

Asylum for the Insane, London.

Showing Receipts and Expenditures on Asylum Farm, Fruit and Vegetable Gardens, from 1st of January, 1897, to 31st December, 1899.

By	Credit.
Produce received off Asylum Farm for seasons 1897-98-99, viz:	
243 tons hay (say \$6.30).....	\$1,523 00
215 " straw (say \$5.00)	1,020 00
920 " en ilage corn (say \$1.50)	1,380 00
1,950 bus. cob corn (say \$0.25).....	487 50
6,010 " oats.....	1,502.50
103 " peas	50 00
1,134 " carrots	79 38
16,300 " mangold wurzels	1,141 00
8,700 " potatoes	4,770 00
850 " turnips	59 50
109,239 gallons milk.....	13,846 75
25,930 dressed pork	1,355 43
125,252 live hogs	5,499 21
9 beef cattle.....	475 85

33,190 12

By Produce received of Fruit and Vegetable Gardens, viz :

Fruit.....	\$4,075 65
Vegetables.....	20,598 16
Herbs	108 75
	—————
	24,782 56
	—————
	\$57,972 68

Debit. .*To* Farm produce consumed in Horse and Cow Stables and Piggery, viz :

255 tons hay.....	1,619 00
877 " ensilage corn.....	1,315 50
3,200 bus. cob corn.....	737 50
4,996 " oats.....	1,229 00
103 " peas.....	50 00
1,818 " carrots.....	147 78
15,362 " mangold wurzels.....	1,128 32
	—————
	\$6,227 10

To Feed purchased viz :

184½ tons hay	1,364 85
1,880 bush. oats.....	560 44
4½ acres oats	45 00
33 tons chopped feed.....	614 97
2½ " cob corn	29 40
88 " bran	1,007 53
4 " oil cake.....	7 25
	—————
	3,629 44

To Seeds purchased, viz :

830 bus. potatoes.....	469 55
70 " corn.....	47 98
150 " oats	69 00
Field, garden and grass.....	760 56
Flower and bulbs.....	156 56
	—————
	1,502 65
	—————
	\$11,360 19

To Bushes and trees purchased, viz. :

Currant bushes.....	13 00
Fruit trees	137 50
	—————
	150 50

To Miscellaneous, viz. :

Attachments, ensilage cutter	23 10
Baskets.....	66 63
Bee supplies	4 99
Blower, ensilage cutter	29 90
Brick	32 00
Buggy, 1.....	65 00
Charcoal, piggery.....	6 50
Coal steam, 30 ton	141 40
Coal tar, sewage field	11 00
Condition powders.....	8 75
Cultivator horse	35 00
" hand	7 50
Curry combs.....	10 75
Disinfectants	11 20
Eavetroughing	10 80
Ensilage cutter 1.....	50 00
Fertilizers	195 01

To Miscellaneous, viz:—Continued.

Flower pots	\$236 30
Garden lines	8 90
Gloves, pruning	2 17
Grain bags	2 25
Grain grinder	55 00
Grindstone fixtures	1 00
Gypsum	7 50
Halters	3 25
Harness 1 set	25 00
Hay knife	1 00
Insecticides	265 15
Iron troughing, piggery	351 00
Lamps, s'able	10 00
Land salt	193 04
Lime	3 75
Lumber	638 33
Magnifier, insect	2 50
Manure	1,371 26
Milling feed	41 89
Molasses, cow stable	13 78
Oil fish, " "	5 80
Oil, carriage, wagon, etc	18 65
Pasture	675 00
Pigs, 454	1,313 32
Reaping hooks	3 00
Repairing bone mill	18 80
" cultivators	6 00
" ensilage cutter	11 65
" grain grinder	3 00
" harness	178 80
" harrows	8 40
" plows	30 80
" pulper	2 25
" pumps	4 49
" spraymotors	16 35
" wagons, carts, sleighs, etc	729 39
" wheelbarrows	50
Resin, sewage field	4 00
Right of way, Cotter's farm	75 00
Rubber hose	45 65
Rugs, buggy	1 50
Sash, greenhouse	37 50
Scythes	3 90
Scythe stones	50
Service to stock	14 00
Shoeing horses	434 70
Slating shed	20 88
Sleigh 1	37 00
Sponges and chamois	23 05
Spray truck	10 00
Stall cattle 9	305 00
Team hire	11 00
Thermometers	90
Threshing grain	110 00
Till land	256 50
Tile sewer	86 38
Tools, spades, forks, rakes, etc	309 18
Trowels, garden	3 00

To Miscellaneous, viz :—Concluded.

Twine, binder, etc	51	82
Veterinary services	103	80
Wagon jack		75
Wheelbarrows	17	00
Whips	16	50
Wire netting	23	90
		8,872 21

To Exchange of dairy stock, viz.:

Bought 112 cows for	4,280	20
Sold 112 cows for	3,972	70
	307	50

To Wages, viz.:

1 Farmer, 3 years	1,850	00
1 Gardener, 3 years	1,350	00
1 Asst. Gardner, 3 years	900	00
2 Plowmen, 3 years	1,368	00
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1 Caretaker, 3 years Sewage F.	1,104	00
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